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## briefs

## Candidates clash over casinos

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Democratic challenger Steve Beshear clashed over casino gambling and a stalemated special legislative session in a feisty forum Thursday.

The hour-long discussion before Kentucky judge-executives and magistrates was the first face-off between the two candidates running for governor in the Nov. 6 election and foreshadowed a hard-hitting campaign to come. Kentucky is one of three states electing a governor this year.

Beshear, a former attorney general and lieutenant governor, repeatedly recounted his support for a proposed constitutional amendment allowing limited casino gambling, saying it alone would raise the necessary revenue to move Kentucky forward.

Fletcher, a Republican running for a second term, called it a false hope that wouldn't deliver the promised revenue but instead would create a host of social ills — including higher crime, divorce and prostitution.

"We want that to stay in Vegas," Fletcher said. "What happens there, needs to stay in Vegas and not be in Kentucky."

Beshear countered that communities in other

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

#### Today



High: 82 • Low: 59

#### Tomorrow



High: 86 • Low: 65

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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# Vandals target mailboxes in Emma

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

EMMA — A rash of vandalized mailboxes in Emma has victims upset about the problem and concerned about the real issue behind what makes the perpetrators think they aren't doing anything wrong.

It happened in the early morning hours on Thursday in the small community. At least five residential mailboxes were smashed in with an unknown object by male subjects seen driving

a passenger car.

One of the victims and a former school teacher, Kay Auxier, says she wants whoever the subjects may be to know that what they did could get them serious punishment by federal authorities.

"I just wish they knew that this is a federal offense," said Auxier.

Auxier says a neighbor was awakened during the night when he heard a loud noise out-

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These are four of the five damaged mailboxes that were vandalized in the Emma community in the early morning Thursday.

photo by Jessica Hale

## GRAND FINALE



photo by Kathy J. Prater

They came dressed in fatigues, but it wasn't weapons they were carrying. The 202nd Army National Guard Rock Band took the Mountain Arts Center stage Thursday evening when they traded in their guns for guitars, bringing the house down with a repertoire of both new and classic rock. The rock band followed on the heels of the 202nd Army National Guard Jazz and Concert Band that appeared on the same stage the evening before.

# Couple charged with scam

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A local couple has been indicted on charges of extortion following a false "slip and fall" investigation in Floyd County.

The state has charged Steve and Karen Warrix, both of Prestonsburg, with theft by extortion stemming from an incident that occurred in June

2006.

Karen Warrix allegedly attempted to obtain \$1,000 as a down payment on a \$20,000 demand by falsely claiming to be injured in a fall at the Betsy Layne Cardinal Mart in June 2006. The Times reported on the case last July, when the charges were waived to a grand jury after a hearing in Floyd County District Court. Witnesses testified against the

two and videotape evidence was introduced.

A Kentucky Bureau of Investigation agent testified that he posed as an employee and was contacted by the two, at which time Karen Warrix allegedly said she wanted \$20,000 to avoid a lawsuit. The exchange for the down payment was arranged to take

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# Man accused of threatening judge, attorney in court

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A courtroom outburst last Friday resulted in several more charges for one man who allegedly threatened the lives of several court officials.

According to Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, 34-year-old Kenny D. Hamilton, of Teaberry, was in court last Friday on charges that he had violated his DUI home incarceration sentence when the incident occurred. After District Judge Eric Hall ordered Hamilton to go back to jail, Hamilton reportedly burst out in court and screamed he would kill Judge Hall.

Court documents quote Hamilton as saying, "I'll take care of him when I get out of jail."

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# Edwards takes page from RFK's book

by NEDRA PICKLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The campaign of presidential hopeful John Edwards has a ready answer for all the criticism about his expensive haircuts and expansive home: A man can be wealthy and care about the poor, too.

Just look at a Democratic hero — Robert F. Kennedy.

Edwards, the 2004 vice presidential nominee, plans to spend three days next week on a poverty tour reminiscent of Kennedy's 1968 trip. Edwards even plans to end his journey where Kennedy did some 40 years ago, in Prestonsburg.

The eight-state tour shifts the spotlight to an issue that has been the focus of Edwards' campaign since his first run for the White House four years ago. In recent weeks, publicity about his personal wealth — \$400 haircuts, construction of a 28,000-square-foot house, hundreds of thousands of dollars in salary to speak about poverty and advise a hedge fund for the super-rich — has opened him to charges of hypocrisy and threatened



John Edwards

to undermine his message. "The last thing you want to do is become the Elmer Gantry of the 2008 election cycle," said former Rep. David Nagle, D-Iowa, referring to the fraudulent preacher depicted in Sinclair Lewis' novel. "His opponents are trying to paint him as Elmer Gantry, and some of that paint is hanging on the canvas."

Edwards' advisers argue that hair cuts and square footage shouldn't undermine his candidacy when the nation has far greater concerns such as the Iraq war, nearly 44 million uninsured and 37 million living in poverty. They note that nearly all the leading candidates running for president

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## WHAT DROUGHT?



Much of downtown Prestonsburg streets were closed to traffic Tuesday evening after heavy downpours of rain. A few downtown businesses actually had water inside their buildings due to the inability of the city's storm drainage system to accommodate the unusually large amount of water.

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# Obituaries

## Andrea Lynn Blanton

Andrea Lynn Blanton, 61, of Oil Springs, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at her residence. Born May 17, 1946, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Elworth Wells Crum. She was a retired personnel director and member of Auxier United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Payne Blanton Jr. Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Wendy Blanton of Oil Springs; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Jason Blanton Hartman of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Charles K. Crum of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Carol Ann DeRossett of Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Gary E. Crum and George Roy Crum.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 13, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Garfield Potter officiating.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, in Staffordsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation, is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Arthur W. Haywood

Arthur W. Haywood, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 7, 1918, in Hindman, he was the son of the late John Haywood and Maggie Roach Haywood. He was a former Design Engineers, and Kentucky Department of Transportation, Division of Design. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg a 60-year member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, a U.S. Army Air Force staff sergeant, gunnery instructor and combat crew trainer.

He was twice married, first to Carlos Maurcen Hale, who died December 16, 1992; and later to Kathryn Allen Haywood. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Philip Arthur Haywood (Linda) of Belfry; a daughter, Rebecca M. Haywood of Prestonsburg; a brother, Earl

Haywood (Lucille) of Benton; two sisters: Christine Slone (Craynor) of Bardwell, Alma Jean Patton (Wendell) of Allen; two granddaughters: Melissa Cooley (Tommy) of Prestonsburg, Jacquelyn Shepherd (Jim) of Austin, Texas and three great-grandchildren: Janet and Zachary Meade and Tyler Cooley.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 14, at 11 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mark Walz officiating.

In addition to his parents and his first wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Sherrill (Doris) Haywood, Hargis (Evelyn) Haywood, Elmer Haywood and Harry Haywood; and three sisters: Thelma Haywood, Pauline Gearheart and Edith Wyatt.

Interment will be at Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Contributions suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 256 South Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Military/graveside services will be conducted by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, D.A.V.

Visitation is Friday, July 13, from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Cecil Kidd

Cecil Kidd, age 80, of Grethel, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the Pikeville Health Care Center, in Pikeville.

He was born July 27, 1926, in Grethel, the son of the late Hoover Kidd and Mary McKinney Kidd. He was a retired coal miner and attended the Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: Lloyd Kidd and Danny Kidd both of Boise, Indiana; two daughters: Louise Keathley of Boise, Indiana, Lou Ellen Hall of Harold; two brothers: Leonard Kidd of Grethel, John Kidd of St. Anthony, Indiana; two sisters: Oma Parsons and Lou Howell both of St. Anthony, Indiana; 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Cecil Kidd will be conducted Saturday, July 14, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the

Kidd Cemetery, in Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Thursday at Hall Funeral Home and after 10:00 a.m., Saturday at the Church. Nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

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## Sera Ellen Lawson

McDOWELL, Ky.—Sera Ellen Lawson, 84, of 3620 Frasures Creek Rd., McDowell, KY 41647, died in her home Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

Born in McDowell, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Andy Jack Damron and Hattie Blankenship Damron. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Abbs Valley Church of God, Abbe Valley, Va.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Leonard Lawson; three brothers, one sister, and one grandson.

Survivors: One son, Perry Lawson and wife, Edith, Bassett, Va.; three daughters: Margie Hall and husband, Raymond, McDowell, Ky., Dianna Frasure and husband Basil and Bonnie Lawson, Cateletsburg, Ky.; one sister, Anna Rae Lawson, Bassett, Va.; five grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 6, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at the Rodriguez Pocahontas Funeral Home Chapel, Pocahontas, Va. with Pastor Charlie Marrs officiating.

Burial at the Church of God Cemetery, Abbs Valley, Va.

Pallbearers: Kenneth Hall, Basil Frasure, Scott Upchurch, Kenneth, David, Clinton, Jimmy Michael and Dwayne Lawson.

Rodriquez Pocahontas Funeral Home is serving the Lawson family.

E-mails of condolences may be sent by visiting [www.rodriquezfuneral.com](http://www.rodriquezfuneral.com). (Paid obituary)

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## Lafe Scott

Lafe Scott, age 86, of Harold, Ky., husband of the late Elizabeth Hunter Scott, passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky.

He was born October 27, 1920, in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Add Scott and Elizabeth Deeny Scott. He was a retired foreman for Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

Survivors include three daughters, Tiffany Scott and Mabel Clark Kinney both of Harold, Gerri Clark Coleman, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents he was preceded in death by four sisters, Blanche Hall, Katherine McCall, Dorothy Hall, Jo Allyn Howell, a special nephew, Billy Ray Newsome, and a granddaughter Melissa Meade.

Funeral services for Lafe Scott will be conducted Friday, July 13, at 1:00 p.m., at the Harold Church of Christ, in Harold, with Willie Meade officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was after 6:00 Wednesday here at the funeral home and after 10:00 a.m., Friday, at the Church. (Paid obituary)

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## Jesse Sparkman

Jesse Sparkman, 73, of Garrett, died Saturday, June 30, at his residence.

Born August 2, 1933, in Kona, he was the son of the late Fred Sparkman and Anna Mac Isaac Risner. He was a disabled coal miner and former foundry worker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rushie Hackworth Sparkman.

Survivors include three sons: Teddy Doyle Sparkan of Blackwater, Virginia, William Ray Sparkman and Michael J. Sparkman both of Garrett; two daughters: Regina Bailey of Goshen, Indiana and Charmaine Dove of McDowell; 10 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Richard Sparkman and Ernest Sparkman; five sisters: Ethel Thornsberry, Ruthie Mae Hall,

Audrey Slone, Eva Slone and Juanita Sparkman.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 3, at 10 a.m., at Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Bentley Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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## Hobert Spurlock

Hobert Spurlock, age 79, of Printer, husband of the late Goldie McKinney Spurlock, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

He was born October 28, 1927 in Printer, and the son of the late Hatler Spurlock and Kate Hall Spurlock. He was a coal miner and owner and operator of Spurlock Feed, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin.

Survivors include five sons: Dale (Hilda) McKinney of Martin, Ricky D. (Cheryl) Spurlock and Dana Terry (Linda) Spurlock both of Printer, Marty (Crystal) Spurlock of Frankfort, Barry K. (Janie) Spurlock of Allen; two daughters: Cheryl Lynn, Kinslow of Covington, Katie Doris Hall (Randall) Hansen of Ft. Drum, New York; three brothers: Kenneth Spurlock of Pikeville, Hubert Spurlock of Martin, Eugene Stumbo of Indianapolis, Indiana; two sisters: Linda Kay Bailey of Martin, Brenda Francis of Garrett; 38 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was

his step-mother, Rebecca Compton Spurlock; a son, Ellis G. Spurlock; two grandchildren: Maria McKinney and Jaricha Spurlock; one great-grandchild, Emma Hall; three brothers: Billy Griffith, John P. Foley, and Herbert Spurlock.

Funeral services for Hobert Spurlock will be conducted Saturday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin, with Bishop Ken Carriere and others officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, in Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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The owners of Slone's Trucking, Ozark and Kimerly Slone, of 340 Toms Fork Road, Bevinsville, Ky. 41606, are not the same company listed under Civil Suits in the Floyd County Times on July 6, 2007, between Rush Slone Jr. vs. Slone's Trucking.

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Saturday, July 14, at 5 p.m.

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Christina Jean Guenther, 38, of Ivel, to Dwayne David Johnson, 36, of Ivel.  
 Heather Danielle Deaton, 21, of Hueysville, to Casey Allen, 26, of Langley.  
 Fanny L. Thompson, 52, of Weeksbury, to James H. Johnson, 55, of Weeksbury.  
 Amanda Newsome, 19, of Grethel, to Anthony John Elder Conley, 26, of Beaver.  
 Kayla Elliree Shepherd, 17, of Hueysville, to Tramble Rex Hicks, 20, of Hueysville.  
 Sarah Elizabeth Noble, 23, of Garrett, to Joseph Arcus Slone, 24, of Raven.  
 Helen Louise Hamilton, 48, of Hi Hat, to Kent Andrew Metcalf, 36, of Hi Hat.  
 Mary Beth Little, 23, of Wheelwright, to Kenneth Lee Prater, 30, of Prestonsburg.  
 Jennifer Lynn Newman, 27, of Salyersville, to Kevin Ray Bailey, 31, of Salyersville.

### Civil Suits Filed

John Caudill vs. Jaime Caudill  
 Robin Blackburn vs. Rachel Blackburn  
 Ricky Akers vs. Jacqueline Akers  
 Delores Thorn vs. Roy Kidd, et al  
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Monnie Osborne, et al  
 NCO Portfolio Mgt., Inc. vs. Gary T. Conley  
 Wilma Solsman vs. Shania Burks  
 Wilma Solsman vs. Kenneth Burks  
 Jason Boyd vs. Shania Burks  
 Lona Blackburn vs. Kevin Blackburn  
 Community Trust Bank vs. Michael Branham, et al  
 Jessie Adkins, et al vs. Howard B. Hylton, et al  
 Ashley Kidd vs. William Joshua Kidd  
 Sandra Cantrell vs. Timothy Cantrell  
 Americredit Financial Services, Inc. vs. Sommer J. McCarty  
 Americredit Financial Services, Inc. vs. Jeff McCarty  
 Crystal Caudill vs. Jonathan Caudill  
 Mary Margo Barber vs. David Barber

### Small Claims Filings

McDowell ARH vs. Kevin Bryant  
 Capital One vs. Valerie Coolcy  
 GE Money Bank vs. Mike Hansel  
 Elite Recovery Services vs. Deborah Kidd  
 Elite Recovery Services vs. Michael R. Johnson  
 Citibank vs. Jerry Moore  
 LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tess Young  
 Central Financial Services vs. Chris Elliott  
 Central Financial Services vs. William Mark Sosebb  
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vs. Johnathan Paige  
 Central Financial Services vs. Kay Conn  
 Cash In Hand vs. Freddie J. Conn  
 Cash In Hand vs. Billy Burke Jr.  
 Blackacre Enterprises LLC vs. Niranda Newsome  
 Collins Financial Services vs. Glenn Mullins  
 Midland Funding vs. Marie Slone  
 Pinnacle Credit Services vs. April D. Lewis  
 LVNV Funding LLC vs. Amy Johnson  
 LVNV Funding LLC vs. Pamela Shepherd Teel  
 Sandy Valley Financial Services vs. Robin Lynn Hale  
 Cash In Hand vs. Manie Newsome  
 Cash In Hand vs. James M. Goble  
 Stone Creek Financial vs. David L. Reed  
 Palisades Collection LLC vs. Nora Lou Meade

### Charges Filed

Danny Johnson, 41, of Galveston, alcohol intoxication.  
 Sheila Kay Trimble, 43, of Stanville, alcohol intoxication.  
 Charles Auxier, 29, of Paintsville, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.  
 James W. Miller, 22, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.  
 Monica Lynn Wright, 27, of Wayland, alcohol intoxication.  
 Gilbert Wallen, 58, of Martin, alcohol intoxication.  
 Michael Jamison, 24, of Sutton, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.  
 Ryan Anderson, 27, of Pine Grove, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.  
 John A. McKenzie, 32, of Drift, possession of marijuana.  
 Charles E. Case, 51, of Hi Hat, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.  
 Michael S. Trimble, 22, of Stanville, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Gary D. Warick, 40, of Hager Hill, expired registration plates, expired registration receipt, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, fleeing/evading police, obstructed vision/windshield, failure to maintain insurance, reckless driving, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, driving under the influence alcohol/drugs on suspended license, improper registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, improperly on left side of road.  
 Homer H. Hutchinson, 50, of Wrightsville, Ga., non-resident hunt/fish/trap without a license.  
 Bobby G. Williams, 49, of Wittensville, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
 Eric Neal Akemon, 28, of Whitesburg, alcohol intoxication.

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 Billy E. Johnson, 31, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.  
 Kevin Hall, 22, of Allen, alcohol intoxication.  
 Freddie B. Osborne, 40, of Prestonsburg, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
 Bethann McCown, 31, of Pikeville, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Gary W. Keathley, 44, of Harold, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Doc B. Rife, 43, of Hardy, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 John Howard, 53, of Williamson, W.Va., operating motorboat in reckless manner, failure to keep right of mid-channel.  
 Samantha Hullett, 34, of Ocala, Fla., hunt/fish/trap without license, creel and size limit for fish.  
 Jason Howard McCown, 31, of Pikeville, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
 Bryan Edward Lafferty, 31, of East Point, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Matthew Fields, 30, of Pine Top, unregistered motorboat.  
 Earl Shepherd, 36, of Drift, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
 William Franklin Duncan, 26, of Printer, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
 Dennis Ray Tackett, 35, of

Harold, non-resident hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Erick J. Pitts, 42, of Martin, fourth-degree assault.  
 Elizabeth G. Wright, 49, of Ligonier, Ind.; alcohol intoxication in public place, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.  
 Charles B. Cantrell, 31, of Faleon, alcohol intoxication.  
 Joshua J. Rodabaugh, Russells Point, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, disorderly con-

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

*Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, on immigration:*

Let's get this straight: The problem involves more than 12 million illegal acts, the safety of our borders, the basic protection of workers, questions of family unity, concerns about the erosion of the English language and the impact on our social service systems, just to hit the highlights.

*Congress' response? Let's do nothing.*

That, essentially, is what happened recently when the U.S. Senate rejected the latest attempt to get a sweeping immigration bill passed this year.

Remarkable. The naysayers haven't scored a victory. They have, once again, put off dealing with an issue that, poll after poll, has shown is one of the top concerns of most Americans. ...

To be sure, few people were happy with all aspects of the bill. ... But there are practical concerns here as well: the government isn't about to round up, lock up and try to hold deportation hearings for more than 12 million people. Moreover, the proposed law wasn't going to make the path to citizenship particularly easy for illegals. ...

With Bush's presidency winding down and with the 2008 presidential election on the horizon, supporters will have a hard time reviving such a contentious bill in the next few years. Detractors didn't win. They simply gave one of the nation's most complicated problems more time to get worse.

*Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, on Chinese imports:*

The expanding list of problem goods in recent months indicates an urgent need to strengthen the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's inspection capabilities. Just as important, the scares raised by Chinese food imports point to a basic need to enliven multiple-supply sources, thus reducing undue dependence on any one source. ...

Unchecked, the escalating safety issues promise to undermine consumer confidence in imported foods, an expanding sector of the economy. ...

In the past few months, American consumers have heard enough about melamine-tainted animal feed, contaminated seafood and cancer-causing chemicals on fruits and vegetables from China to know tougher measures must be taken to ensure the ingredients in their food are safe for consumption. For the FDA to meet that expectation, it must have more inspectors immediately. It also needs the authority, similar to that of the Department of Agriculture, to deny foreign exporters access to the U.S. market until they prove they meet safety standards.

*Chicago Tribune on the Bible in schools:*

Knowledge of the Bible is an important component of cultural literacy. ...

Yet many people, particularly young people, have little or no working knowledge about the Bible. So it makes great sense to teach the Bible in schools as history and literature. That goes as well for public schools, as long as its teaching doesn't push a religious agenda.

That very distinction is getting a test these days in Odessa, Texas. Eight parents have sued seeking to stop the Ector County School Board from teaching a Bible curriculum developed by a North Carolina-based group called the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools. The lawsuit is likely to have impact outside the county. The National Council says its curriculum has been adopted by 395 school districts around the country. ...

Mark Chancey, a professor of biblical studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, did a study of the curriculum in 2005. He found that the National Council promotes a fundamentalist Protestant interpretation of the Bible that often ignores the differing beliefs and practices of Catholics, Jews, Eastern Orthodox Christians and mainline Protestants.

... The National Council is not the only option school districts have. A competing curriculum offered by the Bible Literacy Project, a nonprofit group, has been vetted, accepted and praised by a wide range of scholars, critics and education officials. ...

The folks at the National Council are right on one count: The Bible should be taught in public schools. But they shouldn't be the ones to do it.



## Letters

### Let's talk health care

Have you talked to your doctor lately? Does he acknowledge you as a person, or does he look at you like you're the next Lortab junkie? Does he listen when you explain to him your problems, or is he saying to himself, "They just want Percocet"?

I've been in the medical field for 26 years as a nurse. I've seen both sides—the people who really need pain management on a temporary basis and the people who live on MS Contin, Lortab, Percocet and Xanax. I've experienced the insult you get when asking for proper pain management.

A few years ago, my daughter was hospitalized at a hospital in a nearby county for pleuronephritis, sepsis and kidney abscess with a temperature of 104 degrees. She was having severe pain. The diagnosis should have warranted a strong pain medication.

The next morning, when the doctor visited, I asked him to give her something else for pain, as the medicine she was getting wasn't helping. He didn't like that at all. After informing him that she was entitled to proper pain management, he informed me, and I quote, "I did not make her sick."

Well, this kind of attitude just sent me into a rage of madness. Imagine a doctor saying this to you when you needed his help. Not much of a doctor, is he?

But I knew what they were prejudicially thinking: She's young, no insurance and just wants pain medi-

cine. And of course they did their little drug screen, which was negative.

After receiving a copy of her medical records, I found out that they said I wanted her to have Demerol. Well, I admit if that is what it takes to ease her pain, then give it to her. A mother just can't stand back and watch her child suffer.

My point to this article is, remember, if your doctor doesn't listen to you and treat you with respect, fire him and get another one. Remember this: They work for you. You pay them.

Yes, I know there are a lot of people who abuse drugs, but not every one. Come on, doctors, learn your patients and don't be afraid to treat them. Don't trash the majority with the problems of the minority that authorities can't resolve.

Sharlene Meade  
McDowell

### Disappearing wildlife

The birds in our yard totally disappeared when the intense, widespread spraying of pesticides began in 1999 after the first case of the West Nile Virus was discovered in New York. About three years after this particularly intense period of pesticide spraying, I started to see an occasional bird in our yard. This summer, after eight long years, I am now finally seeing a more normal number of birds around our home.

Prior to 1999, we had so many

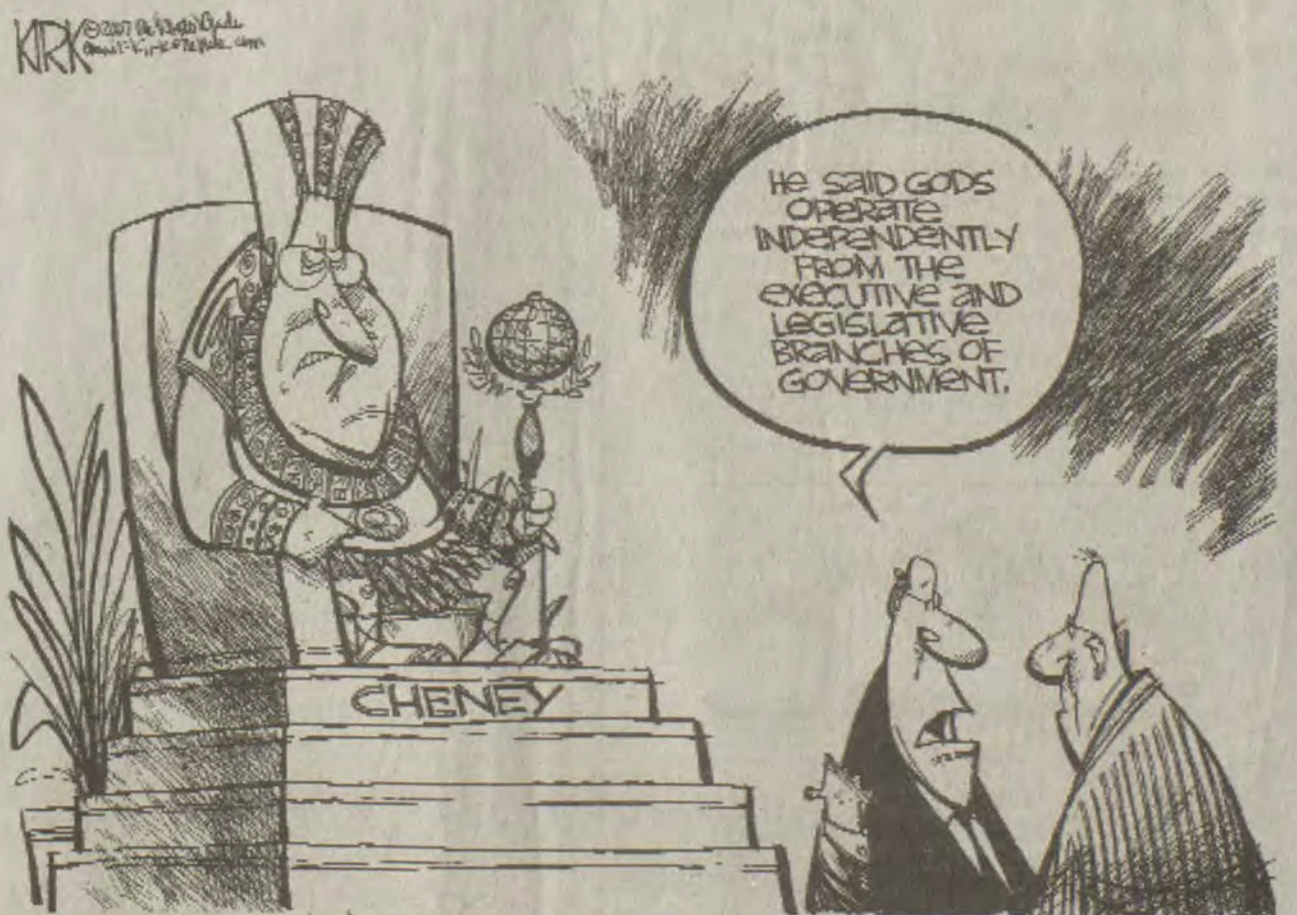
blue jays that I was beginning to consider them a nuisance. We had black-capped chickadees in our evergreens, nests of robins and cardinals, as well as bees and butterflies, but they all disappeared—our yard felt absolutely sterile.

The June 15, 2007 edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press reports "Audubon Society calls for quick action after finding stunning declines in 16 once-common species over the past 40 years." Our birds have been disappearing for a long time. Yes, loss of habitat is a problem, but I believe our use of pesticides is an even bigger problem. According to [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticides](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pesticides), pesticide use has increased 50-fold since 1950. The slow decline in our bird population parallels our increased use of pesticides.

National news recently reported honeybees are disappearing, which is a direct threat to our food supply. I believe our prolific use of pesticides, and other chemicals we pour on our lawns and golf courses is the major cause of our disappearing wildlife. The more we use poisons in our environment, the more wildlife disappears. The black-capped chickadee has not returned to our yard yet, but I have hope that it will return again some day. For further research see: [www.mercola.com/2002/aug/31/west\\_nile.htm](http://www.mercola.com/2002/aug/31/west_nile.htm). You will have to register, but the newsletter is free.

Please use natural, non-toxic means to control pesky bugs and weeds.

Mary Anderson  
St. Paul, Minn.



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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A modest quartet of releases hit the shelves this week with a little something for everyone.

■ **"The Astronaut Farmer"** — Probably your best bet this week is this low-key drama that is a little hokey and has a plot that sounds like a comedy. Billy Bob Thornton stars as an astronaut who is forced to leave the program to save the family farm. He manages to mix his ambitions by constructing his own rocket in a barn with plans to launch himself into space (after he gets the crops in). Thornton is always enjoyable and there are good supporting turns here by Virginia Madsen, Bruce Dern and J.K. Simmons.

■ **"The Last Mimzy"** — The whole family can gather round for this tale which focuses on siblings who uncover a

mysterious toy box. Sci-fi elements mix well here with a realistic view of young ones that doesn't shy away from the social pressures of grade school.

■ **"Shark Attack in the Mediterranean"** — You gotta love a movie that sums up its plot and location in a five-word title. That said, this is a dull outing that follows a man who loses his wife to a humongous shark (35 feet) and relocates to a secluded island. Not secluded enough, as the shark inexplicably follows him and continues to wreak havoc for him. Rolf Mueller (TV's Conan) grunts his way through the proceedings, but it's not enough to get this one out of the shallows.

■ **"The Film Crew: Hollywood After Dark"** — Fans of TV's "Mystery Science Theater 3000" will enjoy this retooling of the show's premise, which poked fun at bad movies by having a guy and two robots talk all the way through the movie

and cut it to ribbons. Here you get three of the writers/actors from MST3K doing the same routine, only sans robots. The effect is the same and allows them to recycle a cheesy movie and improve on it by providing plenty of yucks. The film is a 1960s sexploitation effort about a young lady moving to Hollywood and failing as an actress while working at a strip club. Surprisingly, it stars Rue McClanahan ("Golden Girls") who looks great and is probably the best thing in the movie, which is rife with stilted dialogue and unpleasant situations that the trio have a field day with. The Film Crew is set to return in August with an alien invasion flick from the 1950s featuring Peter Graves.

Next week look for the supernatural thriller "Premonition," with Sandra Bullock, and "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (the remake).

## 'Order of the Phoenix' spins more of the same old magic

by DAVID GERMAIN  
AP MOVIE WRITER

Harry Potter seems to be living the same school year over and over. And it's starting to wear thin.

The fifth adventure for the teen wizard, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is another visual marvel, yet it suffers from a problem similar to other sequels this summer: We've seen it all before.

Or at least, we've seen most of it. Sure there are new characters introduced, new perils, new responsibilities for Harry and his pals and new revelations about the kid's early life and connection to the dark Lord Voldemort.

And Harry even has his first kiss.

Those fresh details aside, though, and despite a new director and screenwriter, "Order of the Phoenix" sticks safely and at times monotonously to the Potter formula: Show a bit of Harry's drab summer among his heartless Muggle relations, branch off into a magical interlude, then land him back at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft, where the same old issues resurface — classmate rivalry, teacher trouble, and a slow build toward another showdown with Voldemort.

Granted, this is the formula of J.K. Rowling's books, and with fans counting the days until the arrival of the seventh and final novel July 21, the recipe has served the series well.

A good deal of the charm of the earlier movies results from the baubles the filmmakers have kept in from the books: Odd little interactions with Hogwarts' resident ghosts and living portraits, some sports action on the quidditch field, quirky classroom happenings — stuff that doesn't really have much to do with the main story.

In casting aside most of those trappings, director David Yates and screenwriter Michael Goldenberg deliver the shortest Potter movie yet, though "Order of the Phoenix" is the longest novel at 800-plus pages.

The movie gains in momentum but loses a lot of the fun and wonder of previous installments. Granted, the stories grow gloomier as Harry's ultimate challenge approaches in book seven, but he's faced doom and death before and still managed to have a good time.

An air of calamity hangs



"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 for sequences of fantasy violence and frightening images. Running time: 138 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

over Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) from the outset in "Order of the Phoenix." At the end of his interminable summer, he's attacked by soul-sucking Dementors, then he's expelled from Hogwarts for unauthorized use of magic to drive them off.

Hogwarts headmaster Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) intercedes on Harry's behalf at a Ministry of Magic appeals hearing. But Dumbledore, previously a tender mentor for Harry, distances himself from the youth throughout the school year.

Harry and buddies Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) face the same old tormenting from classmates. But this time it's amplified by scorn for Harry, who is branded a liar for insisting that Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) had returned to physical form during their battle at the end of the last school year.

The magical world is so shaken and divided that the Ministry of Magic assigns repressive teacher Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton) to the Hogwarts staff to keep an eye on Dumbledore and impart her bland, useless, "Ministry-approved" curriculum.

Dolores is all about toeing the line and outlawing original thought, leaving the kids without the knowledge and skills they sense they will need as Voldemort and his stooges close in.

It falls on Harry to organize and instruct volunteers in a gang they name Dumbledore's Army — Hogwarts students who band together to learn how to defend themselves against the dark forces.

One of the most comforting things about the "Harry Potter" movies is how Radcliffe, Watson and Grint have grown into the roles and advanced as performers. No longer awkward, inexperienced children, they nicely project both the camaraderie of best friends and the gravity of youths forced to mature far too soon.

Some returning characters step to the forefront again,

notably Harry's godfather, Sirius Black (Gary Oldman, who delivers with passion and wistfulness). As always, Alan Rickman delights as Professor Snape, whose dour disposition and disdain for Harry is explained to a degree.

Most other key characters are back, including Professor McGonagall (Maggie Smith) and Sybil Trelawney (Emma Thompson), both sadly underused; Mrs. Weasley (Julie Walters); Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane); and Mad-Eye Moody (Brendan Gleeson).

Staunton dominates the movie with her perky facade and underlying cruelty. She's a perfect pillar of duplicity and

self-righteousness whose aims and methods inject a bit of McCarthyism into Hogwarts.

Helena Bonham Carter makes the most of a brief appearance as deliriously fiendish Voldemort ally Bellatrix Lestrange. Also new to the show is Evanna Lynch as spacey student Luna Lovegood.

Much of the movie is a setup for things to come and an explanation of things that came before — personal histories, disclosures and prophecies, hints of an unholy bond between Harry and Voldemort.

At times, "Order of the Phoenix" is as dry-as-studying-Latin grammar by rote. A climactic tussle between Harry and Voldemort's forces is among the most impressive visual creations in the "Harry Potter" flicks; yet dramatically, it's mostly another tease in their endless grudge match.

Familiarity is not quite breeding contempt for Harry and his friends and enemies. But it's starting to breed indifference.

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 Michael K. Cook, 31, of Whitesburg, following another vehicle too closely, possession of alcohol in motor vehicle, use and possession of drugs in motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, controlled substance present and not in container, commercial driver license/operating under influence, illegal possession legend drug, use/possession drug paraphernalia.  
 Dwayne Mullins, 44, of Dema, alcohol intoxication.  
 Elery Jay Parsons, 51, of Harold, receiving stolen property.  
 Michael Dwayne Kimmel, 33, of Betsy Layne, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing, resisting arrest.  
 Charles C. Baxter, 58, of Betsy Layne, alcohol intoxica-

tion.  
 Kathy Thacker, 36, of Phyllis, alcohol intoxication.  
 Johnnie Michael Hess, 37, of Raccoon, public intoxication.  
 Jason A. Reynolds, 21, of Grethel, public intoxication.  
 Michael Dwayne Kimmel, 33, of Betsy Layne, criminal mischief.  
 Joe Lewis, 36, of David, terroristic threatening.  
 Kelley Layne Jr., 64, of Ivcl, harassment.

**Inspections**

Long John Silvers, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: In use ice dispensing machine utensil not properly stored, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed or maintained, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored or rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, non food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 94  
 McDowell Stop and Shop, McDowell, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping non food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, improper handling of clean equipment and utensils, toilet room doors not self closing, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not clean, light fixtures not shielded as required, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: Food, 91, Retail, 95  
 Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Commercially canned or packaged products improperly labeled, food not protected during storage, food not protected during transportation, food contact surfaces not properly constructed or maintained. Score: Food, 95, Retail, 98  
 Redi Mart #32, Lackey, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods,

improper storage and handling of clean equipment and utensils, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair or clean, lighting not provided as required, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: Food, 95, Retail, 99  
 Dollar General Store, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, toilet facility not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceilings not in good repair. Score: 94  
 Speedway 9588, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, improper storage of single service articles, all plumbing not maintained according to law, light fixtures not shielded as required, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding tem-

perature of potentially hazardous food. Score: Food, 96, Retail, 98  
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 Everett Dale Carroll to Palestine Gibson, property located at Little Mud Creek.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky to Jimmy Flannery, property location undisclosed.  
 Freddy Conn Jr. to Shawn Green Conn, property located at Salisbury Bottom.  
 Brett Dauer to Melissa Rose and Timothy Mark Hastings, property located at Richard Subdivision.  
 Sherry R. Allen Dauer to Melissa Rose and Timothy

Mark Hastings, property located at Richard Subdivision.  
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**Edwards**

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in 2008 are wealthy, as well as those in the past who have championed poverty.  
 "I think voters understand that whether it was Franklin Roosevelt or Lyndon Johnson

or Bobby Kennedy, there's been a lot of people interested in issues that don't fit their own financial situation," said Edwards pollster Harrison Hickman.

Dante Scala, a political science professor at the University of New Hampshire, said the perception of hypocrisy has become a problem for Edwards, fair or not,

but he doesn't think it is insurmountable.  
 "I think it's something he has to live with now," Scala said. "You try to make light of it, which I think he did. You try to change the subject as gracefully as possible."

Edwards isn't changing the subject as much as he is taking it head on. When the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing Wednesday to discuss how hedge fund managers avoid paying taxes on much of their compensation, Edwards embraced it as a chance to decry the abuse of the tax code even though he has, in the past, provided consulting services for some of those managers.

Edwards advisers say they fully expect the poverty tour will revive more questions about his finances verses his message and he is prepared to answer them.  
 He frequently talks about how he was born into a working-class family and has been able to live the American dream. But the tour is an attempt to show that the debate shouldn't be about him but about one in eight Americans living in poverty.

**Vandals**

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side. When he went to investigate, he saw a car with several male occupants inside drive away.  
 Auxier reported the incident to the local post office and was informed that the Cow Creek community also

reported damages. Auxier also says the sheriff's department has agreed to increase patrols throughout the area.  
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room full of local officials, and sparred almost from the outset. Each candidate had a personal cheering section that broke into applause routinely after their respective responses.

Edwards said in a letter to supporters, asking for symbolic \$8 campaign donations to support his effort. "We know what's right. And we will keep fighting to end the national disgrace of 37 million Americans living in poverty."

Other scheduled stops were in West Helena, Ark.; Memphis; Cleveland; Youngstown, Ohio; and Pittsburgh. He planned to visit a remote health care clinic in Wise, Va.; talk about economic opportunity for young people growing up in Whitesburg; then give a speech Wednesday at the Floyd County Courthouse in Kentucky where Kennedy spoke.

**Casinos**

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states that offer casino gambling are thriving.  
 "All this rhetoric is a bunch of baloney," Beshear said.  
 As an enticement to the audience, Beshear pledged to

designate a percentage of expanded gambling revenues to local communities to assist them with infrastructure and economic development.  
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Edwards' tour was to begin Sunday night in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, still reeling from Hurricane Katrina. Then he planned to travel to Marks, Miss., where Martin Luther King Jr. launched his 1968 Poor People's March to Washington.

**Threat**

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Hamilton also allegedly made threats against Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Ray Marcum III. His rage went on even further when he allegedly claimed he would burn down their houses when he got out of jail.  
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**Scam**

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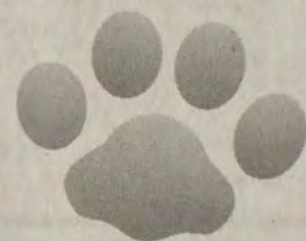
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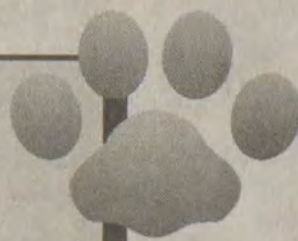
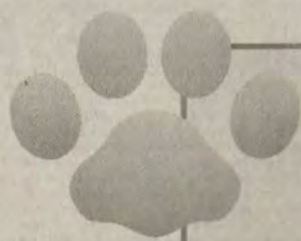
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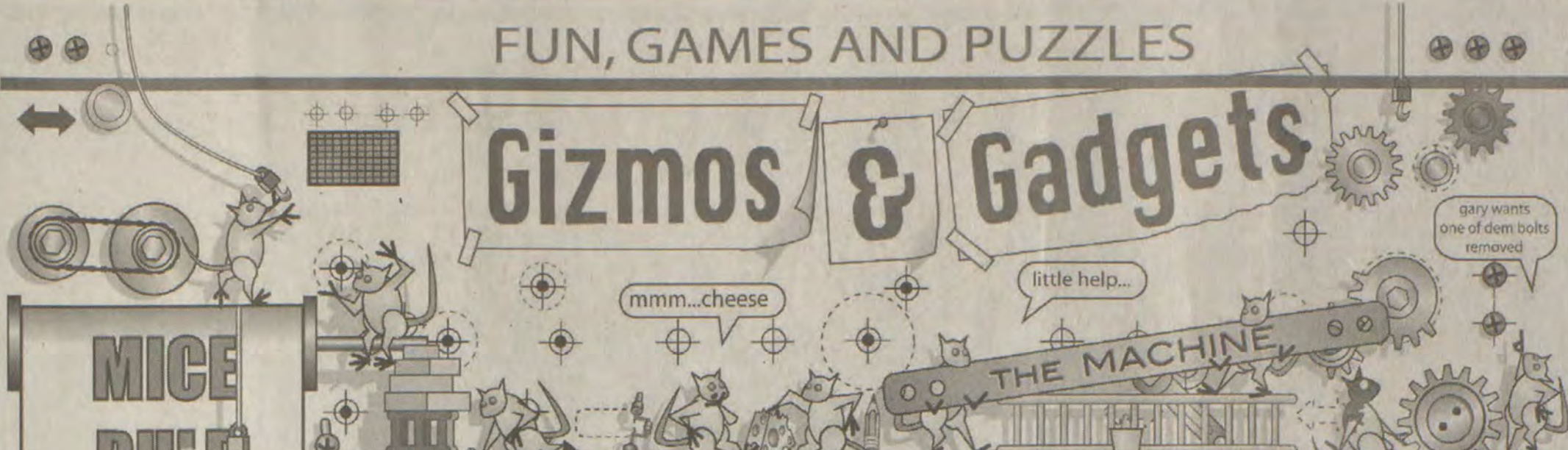
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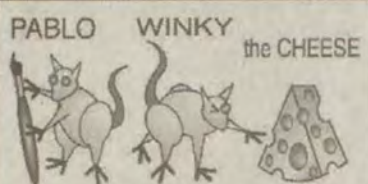


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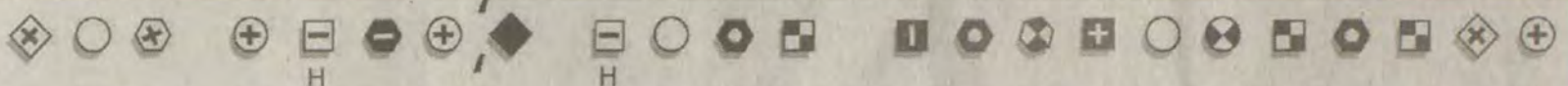
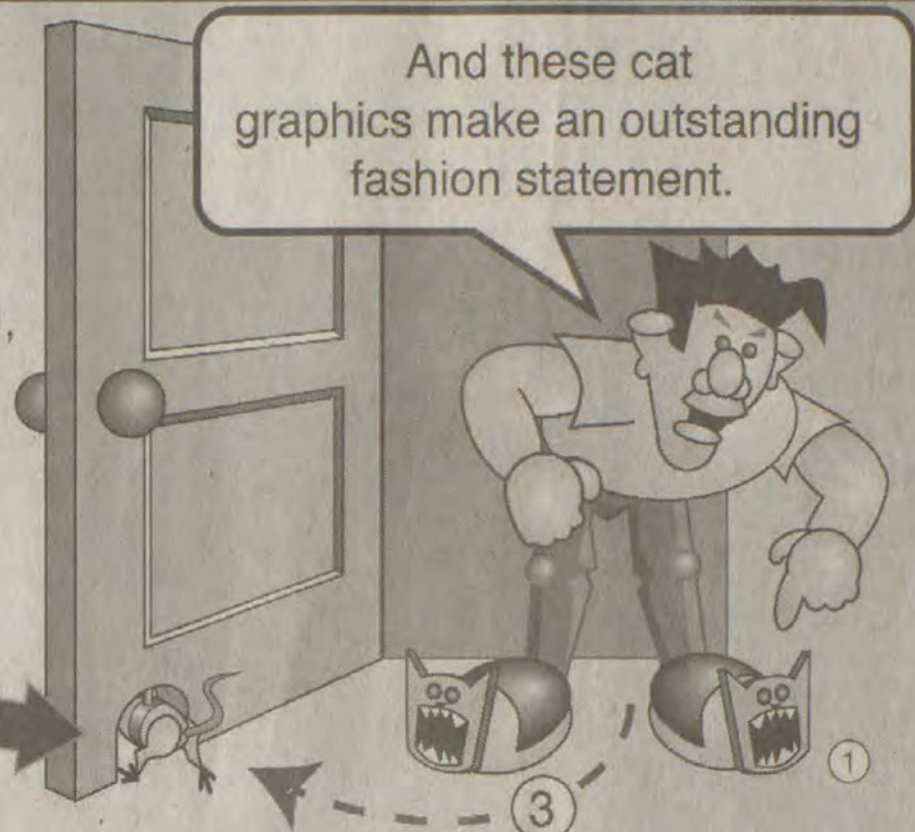
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## Miners to hold free agent camps Aug. 4-5

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky's professional basketball franchise is quickly taking shape. The East Kentucky Miners will hold their inaugural free agent camps Aug. 4-5 at the Pikeville College Gym. The early registration fee for either of the professional basketball free agent camps is \$75. Early registration is being held through July 26. The registration fee is \$100 for those who register from July 27-Aug. 3. Registration is \$125 for those who register on the day of either free agent camp.

Acceptable forms of payment are money order and cash. Money orders should be sent for the early registration.

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acceptable form of payment. No checks will be accepted during any of the registration period.

Money orders should be made payable to Trinity Sports and Entertainment Group, Inc.

Aug. 4 and 5 will feature two separate free agent camps. Players who wish to register for both camps may do so. Early registration is \$150 for both camps and \$225 at the door.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. each morning. Each camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Both sessions will feature a break that will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will not be provided as part of the break.

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photos by Steve LeMaster

Former NFL quarterback Jay Fiedler signed autographs for Adams Middle School basketball campers Thursday afternoon during a visit. Fiedler is an owner of the East Kentucky Miners. More on Fiedler's visit to the youth basketball camp will appear in Sunday's edition.



East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley talked with campers at the Adams Middle School hoops camp.

## Hall to lead Betsy Layne boys' basketball

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Floyd County native Brian Hall is returning home to coach boys' basketball. Hall, who played at McDowell High School, has been named Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball coach. The Floyd County native is no stranger to the hardwood. Most recently, Hall served as head coach at Jackson City.

Before coaching Jackson City, Hall guided Breathitt County. The former McDowell Daredevil's Breathitt County run included many wins. Prior to becoming a head coach, Hall was an assistant coach at Johnson Central, coaching under his former high school coach, Johnny Ray Turner. At Betsy Layne, Hall takes for longtime friend Brent Rose, who had the chance to take the Bobcats to camp earlier in the summer. The Floyd County Board of Education has adopted a new policy that prohibits school administrators from coaching. Rose is an assistant principal at Betsy Layne High School.

"I was able to practice the boys early in the summer and we attended Georgetown's camp," Rose confided. "We played two varsity teams and one JV team. We kept our seniors together on one team and rotated everyone else around. That team went 14-4 during the week and played extremely well. We were able to participate one day in the Pikeville College camp before the board changed the coaching policy and we were forced to drop out since no one from the school was able to attend."

Rose had Betsy Layne contending for district and regional championships each of the last two seasons. The Bobcats put a scare into eventual champion Shelby Valley during the opening round of this past season's 15th Region Tournament.

Hall, who was named the head coach at Betsy Layne on June 28, can bank on having Rose's support.

"The team is going to be an excellent," said Rose. "These kids have worked hard since the end of the season and with their improvement and the incoming talent, I believe this team can contend for a regional title. Brian will

(See HALL, page ten)



STATE-BOUND: The Prestonsburg 11-12-year-old girls' softball team has earned the right to participate in this year's State Tournament.

## P'burg 11-12 girls' team headed to State after 17-5 win over Knott County

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY — After knocking off Knott County on Monday evening in the championship game of the 11-12-year-old girls' softball district tournament, the Prestonsburg Little League had its third team in a state tournament for the 2007 season.

The Prestonsburg girls' softball team finished the double-elimination tournament with a perfect 3-0 record. A 6-2 win over East Ridge was followed by two straight victories over Knott County. The Prestonsburg team defeated Knott County 26-4 and 17-5.

Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard in the top half of the first inning when Allyson Branham — after singling — came around to score on a Tiffany Wertz ground ball.

Wertz got the start on the mound for Prestonsburg and allowed five runs on only two hits while striking out 10.

Emily Mullins pitched the second game of the tournament for Prestonsburg, allowing only four runs on six hits while striking out seven.

Knott County took its only lead of the game in the bottom half of the first inning, scoring twice to take a 2-1 lead. A 10-run second inning for Prestonsburg put the game out of reach. Tori Nairn led off the inning with a walk, followed by a single by April Meadows. A Kaylee Collins base-hit scored Nairn and Prestonsburg was off and running. Branham walked to load the bases and a Brittany Osborne grounder was mishandled, allowing three more

Prestonsburg runners to score.

Summer Stanley's double scored Wertz and gave Prestonsburg an 11-2 lead heading into the bottom half of the second.

Knott County added three runs in the bottom of the inning to cut the Prestonsburg lead to 11-5, but that would prove to be all the runs that Knott County could produce. Bethany Scarberry led off the Prestonsburg third inning with a double, but was left stranded after a Knott County double play. Three straight walks to open the fourth inning loaded the bases for Prestonsburg. Wertz then delivered an inside-the-park homerun to give Prestonsburg a 15-5 lead.

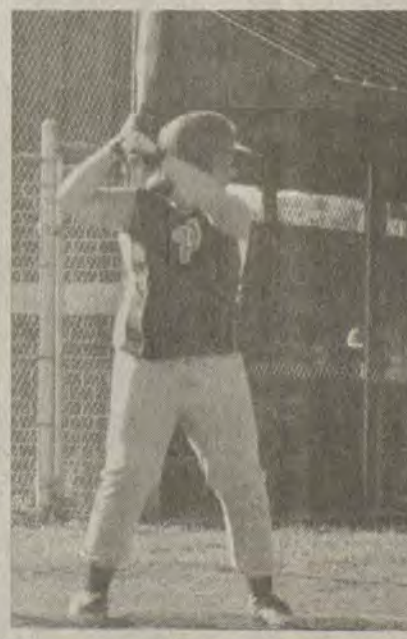
Morgan Haywood's ground ball then scored Meadows for the final P'burg run. Three straight Knott County strikeouts in the bottom half of the fourth inning allowed Prestonsburg to secure the win.

Prestonsburg will take part in the girls' softball state tournament this weekend in Russell Springs, taking on Adair County in the opening game of pool play. Gametime is set for 2 p.m. in the pool-play format tournament.

ALL-STAR SALUTE: Members of the Prestonsburg 11-12-year-old girls' softball team are Allyson Branham, Brittany Osborne, Bethany Scarberry, Tiffany Wertz, Summer Stanley, Emily Mullins, Tori Nairn, April Meadows, Kaylee Collins and Morgan Haywood. Prestonsburg is coached by Jamie Howell and Kenny Scarberry.



Pitching and hitting helped to carry Prestonsburg to the district softball title.



## Branham named East Ridge football coach

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK — Bobby Branham didn't stay out of the coaching loop long. Branham, who recently stepped away from the Betsy Layne football program, has landed a job in Pike County. The Pike County native was introduced as East Ridge's new football coach Thursday evening.

Branham, who posted a 1-9 record last fall in his lone season as head coach of the Betsy Layne Bobcats, replaces Eric Ratliff at the top of the East Ridge gridiron program. Ratliff has been a head coach in football, boys' basketball and baseball. He currently guides the East Ridge football program.

East Ridge finished the 2006 season 2-8. The Warriors faced a challenging district slate that included Belfry, Sheldon Clark and Prestonsburg.

(See BRANHAM, page ten)

## 2007-08 Toyota AMA Arenacross Series schedule announced

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

AURORA, Ill. — The Toyota AMA Arenacross Series announced earlier this week the 2007-08 schedule that kicks off Nov. 2-4 at Des Moines, Iowa's Wells Fargo Arena and wraps up March 14-16 at Green Bay, Wisconsin's Resch Center.

Defending champion Danny Smith won the first major championship of his career last season when he edged out Honda's Robbie Reynard. Smith, of Middleton, Idaho, began his professional racing career in 1997 and remained a regular fixture on the AMA Supercross Series before entering the Toyota AMA Arenacross Series. Along with the championship, Smith was awarded a brand new 2007 Toyota Tundra truck.

The series will again visit Eastern Kentucky, making a stop at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville Feb. 15-17.

"Last year's race to the Toyota AMA Arenacross Series Championship was an amazing blend of new and old talent."

(See TOYOTA, page ten)

## Big Blue Night to be held in Louisville at Slugger Field

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Louisville chapter of the Kentucky Alumni Association will host its annual Big Blue Night at Slugger Field Thursday, July 19 when the Louisville Bats take on the Durham Bulls. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and a discounted ticket price is available for \$6 per ticket.

Featured guests of the Big Blue Night are Rupp's Runtz team members Tommy Kron, Louie Dampier, and Thad Jaracz. An autograph session will be held prior to the game from 5:50-6:30 p.m. ET and the former Wildcats also will throw out the first pitch. UK music will be played throughout the evening and a special appearance will be made by the UK Dance Team and the Wildcat

mascot. The Runtz also will autograph a team photo for those who purchase tickets to sit in the Wildcat section.

Other fans attending the game also can get an autographed photo with a \$5 donation made payable to the UK Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. In order to sit in the Wildcat section and receive an autographed team picture, fans must wear Blue to the game and buy tickets in advance with a credit card. Contact Matt Andrews at the Louisville Bats at 502/212-2287, ext. 618 for tickets.

FYI: For other questions, call Jim Denny at 502-241-8888 or email him at jd@thesourceteam.com.



STATE CHAMPIONS: The Pikeville Reds 10-and-under baseball team went undefeated over the weekend in the Grandslam Promotion Open State Tournament held in London. The team played the Tri-County Heat and Lake Cumberland All-Stars en route to the title game. The Reds defeated Southeast Lexington 6-4 to capture the championship. The team is pictured. Front row, left to right: Jordan Hampton, Peyton Hamilton, Austin Elswick, Chatlin Jarrell, Aaron Scott, Cody Dials. Middle row, left to right: Dalton Frasure, Daniel Allen, Jacob Hamilton, Colton Caldwell, JT Hall. Back row, left to right: Mike Allen, Vince Jarrell, Sammy Hamilton.

# Reynolds named MSU men's basketball assistant coach

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

MOREHEAD - Veteran college basketball coach Kevin Reynolds has been named a men's assistant basketball coach at Morehead State University. Reynolds joins the Eagle staff after three years at the University of Denver when he served two-and-a-half seasons as an assistant coach and the last half of 2006-07 as interim head coach for the men's basketball program.

"I am very excited to add Kevin to our staff," said MSU Men's Head Basketball Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Kevin is a tireless worker who has a great reputation as a recruiter. With nine years of Division I experience, he has many contacts across the country as well as internationally."

"He will be a fantastic coach on the floor and in relating to our players. Kevin will bring a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to

the office very day."

Prior to joining the Denver staff, he was director of basketball operations at Penn State. For one year, he was director of international sports marketing for AND1, an athletic shoe manufacturer specializing in basketball shoes and apparel. For six seasons, he was an assistant basketball coach at Drake University.

Early in his coaching career, Reynolds was associate head coach, assistant

coach and graduate assistant coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He spent one season as an assistant coach at Edinboro University.

Reynolds was a four-year basketball player at Bloomsburg University where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing (1991). He also earned an MBA (1993) and a master's degree in industrial and labor relations (1994) at Indiana (Pa.). "I am extremely excited

about being at Morehead State," Reynolds said. "It gives me the opportunity to work with Donnie Tyndall, a head coach and friend that I have known for more than 10 years. Coach Tyndall made great improvements in the Morehead State program in his first year. I feel like this is a program that is making an upward shift in the Ohio Valley Conference, and I am glad to be a part of it."

"I have also been impressed with the assistant

coaches. They have done a nice job in their one year together. I have been pleasantly surprised with how nice the city of Morehead is and how great the people have been to me on campus and in the community."

MSU plays in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) along with region rival Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).

Reynolds is a native of Bethlehem, Pa.

## Branham

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Versatile skill player Caleb Epling is a leading player back for the East Ridge football team. Epling, junior Tommy Bingham and sophomore Cory Fields can also rush the football.

Talented Freshman Bryan Casey could move in at the quarterback position for the Warriors.

Keith Miller (QB) and David Ratliff (RB) - standouts last season - both graduated.

Defensively, nine players who started last season are

due to return for East Ridge. Epling, Brad Branham and Mike Rowe are defensive leaders for the Warriors.

East Ridge resides in Class 3A, District 8 along with Belfry, Sheldon Clark, Pike County Central and Magoffin County. Despite realignment, East Ridge has many of the same district foes as in previous seasons.

East Ridge is scheduled to open the upcoming season on Aug. 24 against Pike County rival Phelps.

# Field solid for ARCA race at Kentucky Speedway

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

SPARTA - The ARCA RE/MAX Series winner's list at Kentucky Speedway is impressive to say the least. From series champions Tim Steele and Frank Kimmel to Cup stars Ryan Newman and Kyle Busch, Victory Lane at Kentucky has been shared by some serious talent.

Lately, the driver development teams have been getting the most buzz at the Sparta, Kentucky speedplant with victories in the last three events there.

Steve Wallace, driving for Rusty Wallace, Inc., started it off in May of 2006 before Brewco Motorsports' Brad Coleman answered with a victory at Kentucky one year ago. The most recent victor - Erik Darnell - got the job done in a Roush Fenway Racing Ford back in May of this year.

And, lookout, here they come again - driver development teams galore for this Saturday's WLWT Channel 5-150 tonight, LIVE on SPEED at 8 p.m.

In all, 54 top-notch teams are entered, mixing in a healthy crop of ARCA RE/MAX Series regulars against an exceptional group of driver development teams.

Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn will be in attendance vying for the ARCA RE/MAX Series win.

Beginning with the series regulars, 8-time champion and current point leader Frank Kimmel is the all-time Kentucky winner with four victories. Kimmel is also the all-time lap leader at Kentucky with 536 laps-led in 10 races. However, with the onslaught of driver development teams, the Clarksville, Indiana second-generation driver has not been to Kentucky's winner's circle in more than

two years.

Trailing Kimmel in points by 130 markers is veteran Bobby Gerhart, who has clearly stepped up his overall program. Coming off a solid sixth place finish on the Berlin Raceway short-track, Gerhart continues to inch closer to Kimmel in his quest to earn the 2007 title. In addition, Gerhart leads the exceptionally close Superspeedway Challenge Championship standings.

Michael McDowell has been making the most noise lately, and most recently at Berlin where he earned his fifth SIM Factory Pole Award of the year and finished second after leading the most laps. As a result, McDowell leaped from fifth the third in championship points and will be one to watch at Kentucky. McDowell, still searching for his first series win, is entered in one of two Eddie Sharp Racing Toyotas for Friday night's race.

Justin Allgaier and Dexter Bean are tied for fourth in points while Phillip McGilton, in a Brewco Motorsports Ford, trails in sixth. Justin South, Justin Marks, Patrick Sheltra and Jason Hedlesky complete the top-10, respectively.

Of the current top-10, only Kimmel and Gerhart have gone to Victory Lane in 2007. That's due, in part, to a continual mix of driver development teams, which have entered the WLWT Channel 5-150 in sizeable numbers. Driver development teams entered include Ganassi Racing (driver Bryan Clauson/Dodge), Richard Childress Racing (driver Alex Yontz/Chevrolet), Roush Fenway Racing (driver Pete Shepherd/Ford), Evernham Motorsports (driver Erin Crocker/Dodge), Kevin Harvick, Inc. (driver Calc Gale/Chevrolet), Eddie Sharp Racing (driver Josh Wise/Toyota) and the Dodge

Development team (drivers Rob Bunker and Tim Andrews).

Crocker, who finished second at Kentucky this past May, continues in her quest to become the first female winner in ARCA RE/MAX Series history. No female has ever won an ARCA RE/MAX Series race although Crocker's been closer than any other. The Wilbraham, Massachusetts driver has three runner-up finishes, two at Kentucky, which she describes as one of her favorite tracks, and another second place finish at Kansas Speedway. Crocker is also second in Superspeedway Challenge Championship standings, just 20 points away from Gerhart. No female driver has ever won the series' superspeedway title.

Additional entries include two-time series winner Blake Feese in a Sadler Racing Chevrolet, Newcomer Brian Scott in the Country Joe Racing-Red Line Oil Dodge, Jeremy Clements in the family-owned Chevy and former ASA national champion Bryan Reffner in a Hendren Motorsports Chevrolet.

Past Kentucky winners include Kimmel with 4 wins followed by Ryan Hemphill 2, Chad Blount 2, Kyle Busch 1, Brad Coleman 1, Erik Darnell, Ryan Newman 1, Tim Steele 1 and Steve Wallace 1.

Tonight's WLWT Channel 5-150 represents the 15th appearance of the ARCA RE/MAX Series at Kentucky Speedway since the inaugural ARCA race in July of 2000.

ARCA RE/MAX Series practice is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. this afternoon followed by SIM Factory Pole Award Qualifying at 4:30. The WLWT Channel 5-150 is LIVE on SPEED tonight at 8 p.m.

## Hall

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do an excellent job and we are lucky to get him. He has been a personal friend of mine all my life and I know of no better person and besides that he is a really good coach.

"I would like to thank all the fans, parents and players for their support over the years.

They have been great to me and have really been supportive and helpful over the past year and I appreciate all the calls I have received the past couple of weeks."

Earlier in the week, Hall was in Floyd County and met with his new team.

# ATHLETES



Travis Welch, Prestonsburg Little League All-Star



Bethany Scarberry, Prestonsburg Little League All-Star

## Miners

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The one-day free agent camps are invitation-only to the general public. Media members who contact East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley will be permitted to attend either or both of the sessions.

Keathley is looking forward to the upcoming free agent camps.

"This is the perfect opportunity for players from Eastern Kentucky who have

always believed in their abilities and had aspirations of playing on the pro level to come out and compete for one of our 18 roster spots for training camp," said Keathley.

"We really want to give Eastern Kentucky as well as the state the first opportunity to make this team. By having our free agent camps right here in Pikeville, Ky., this will give all the local talent a chance to be a part of this franchise."

All players should send a resume with their registration form. Players should also bring a second copy of their resume to the free agent camp. Game video - if available - is also encouraged. Payment and application materials should be sent to East Kentucky Miners Basketball, LLC., c/o Coach Kevin Keathley, 237 2nd Street, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

## Toyota

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said Todd Jendro, senior director of Arenacross, Live Nation Motor Sports. "Danny (Smith) won the well deserved title in his first full year of competing on the tour. This year the

Toyota AMA Arenacross Series will once again give fans non-stop, up-close racing action at some of the country's premier venues."

## Oklahoma to appeal sanctions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY - The University of Oklahoma plans to appeal the NCAA's ruling that the school was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of players and must erase eight football victories from the 2005 season.

The NCAA also ruled the Sooners must cut two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years in the case involving two players kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they didn't perform at a Norman car

dealership.

The Sooners went 8-4 and beat Oregon in the Holiday Bowl to end the 2005 season. Records from that season involving quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn must be erased, the NCAA said, and coach Bob Stoops' career record will be amended, dropping it from 86-19 in eight seasons to 78-19.

Oklahoma also will have two years of probation added to an earlier penalty, extending the Sooners' probation to May 23, 2010.

# Former Colonels find success in pros

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

RICHMOND - Eastern Kentucky University has four former student-athletes that are either starting or continuing their careers in the professional baseball ranks this summer. Here is an update on the progress of former Colonels Josh Anderson, Neil Sellers, Charlie Yarbrough and Lucas Waters.

Each of the former ECU players is making progress in pursuit of making it into Major League Baseball.

Anderson is playing for the Round Rock Express of the Pacific Coast League, the AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros. The 2003 OVC Player of the Year is hitting .284 in 85 games for the Express and has a team-high 91 hits and 27 stolen bases which is second in the Pacific Coast League.

Anderson led the Colonels to a runner-up finish in the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in his final season at Eastern Kentucky and became the school's first-ever Louisville Slugger First Team All-American after leading the nation with 57 steals.

Yarbrough, drafted in the seventh round by the

Philadelphia Phillies last year, was recently promoted to the Class A Lakewood BlueClaws of the South Atlantic League. In his 18 games with the BlueClaws the 2006 OVC Player of the Year has four doubles, a home run and 11 RBI. He hit a three-run home run in the first inning of a 4-3 victory over the Hagerstown Suns on July 3 and then went 2-for-4 with three RBI in 12-4 victory over Lake County Captains on July 5.

In his one season at Eastern, Yarbrough finished the season among the national leaders with a .391 batting average (.46th), 18 home runs (20th with .33 per game), 69 RBIs (18th with 1.25 per game) and .796 slugging percentage (13th). His 18 home runs and 69 RBIs rank third and fifth, respectively, on ECU's single-season lists.


Sellers is playing for the Corpus Cristi Hooks, the Class AA affiliate of the Houston Astros. He is hitting .282 in 73 games and has 68 hits, including seven home runs, 14 doubles and 31 RBIs.

Sellers, a 32nd-round draft pick by the Astros in 2004, graduated from ECU as the Colonels all-time leader in runs batted in (214), hits (279), dou-

bles (62) and at-bats (793). He was a two-time co-captain for Eastern, a third-team All-American in 2003 and second-team All-OVC selection in 2004.


Waters, who became the sixth student-athlete under ECU baseball head coach Elvis Dominguez to be drafted in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft when he was chosen by the Florida Marlins in the 14th round last month, is playing for the Jamestown Jammers of the Class A short season NY Penn League. The Stearns native is seven-for-29 in nine games with three doubles, three runs scored and two RBI. He went 2-for-4 with a run scored in the Williams 2-1 victory over the Jamestown Crosscutters on June 26.

The Stearns native led the Colonels and ranked fifth in the OVC with a .361 average in 2007, including six home runs and 11 doubles in 38 starts. Waters had 16 multi-hit games and was named conference player of the week on April 23 after hitting .600 (12-for-20) with 10 runs scored, three doubles, a home run and nine RBI in five games the previous week.



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# Obstruction to bases prohibited in 2008 baseball rules

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS

Beginning with the 2008 high school baseball season, fielders without possession of the ball will not be allowed to deny access to the base that a runner is attempting to achieve.

This change in Rule 2-22-3 is one of numerous rules revisions approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee at its annual meeting June 12-14 in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"This rules revision will be very beneficial because it will

minimize the risk of injury for both offensive and defensive players," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of educational services and liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee.

A revision to Rule 3-2-1 rescinds the previous rule that stated a coach or player occupying the coaches' boxes shall remain there upon the batter entering the batter's box until the release of the ball by the pitcher if requested by the opposing coach. Beginning with the 2008 season, one player or coach may occupy each coach's box while his or her team is at bat.

"This rule was virtually impossible to enforce in the past," Hopkins said. "The umpire does not normally

focus on the coach in the box, and shouldn't have to split his or her focus between the coach and the game. In addition, a lot of fields are not properly lined with coaches' boxes, and it's tough to say where the coach should be if the marks are not clear."

Along with the previous rule, multiple rules changes were made regarding head coaches. Rule 3-2-4 requires the head coach to be in attendance at the pregame conference if available. If he or she is not present, the head coach will be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game unless he or she must attend to a sick or injured player.

Another rule, Rule 1-1-2, suggests the importance of

both the captain and the head coach being in communication with the umpires. Both must be present at the pregame conference, and the head coach responsible for ensuring that his or her team is in compliance and will adhere to good sportsmanship. The rule also requires the name, shirt number, position and batting order of each starter to be placed on the lineup card. The name and shirt number of each eligible substitute should also be placed on the card, but are not required.

"It is important and necessary to require lineup cards to be filled out correctly," Hopkins said. "We looked at the vocabulary for the requirements for substitu-

tions and changed "shall" to "should" in the section concerning eligible substitutions because there is no violation or penalty outlined if the eligible substitute's name is not listed on the card."

Two final rules changes deal with equipment and apparel. Rule 1-3-6 will require a pitcher's glove to be removed from the game if it includes the colors of white and/or gray and is noticed by the umpire or opposing team.

"It is the coach's responsibility to make sure his team is properly equipped, and it is the umpire's responsibility to enforce the rules," Hopkins said. "Instead of penalizing the opposing team with a multi-

base award, the glove will only be required to be removed."

According to Rule 10-1-9, it is necessary that umpires dress alike in heather gray slacks and either a navy pullover shirt or a state association-adopted shirt. They are not required to supply a wide variety of shirts beyond what is necessary.

Baseball is the fourth-most popular sport among boys at the high school level with 470,671 participants during the 2005-06 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship across the nation with 15,290 schools.

## Pole vaulters allowed to leave ground without breaking plane

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS

Beginning with the 2008 high school track and field season, it will no longer be considered a foul if a pole vaulter leaves the ground without breaking the plane.

This change in Rule 7-5-29b is one of five rules revisions approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Track and Field Rules Committee at its annual meeting June 11-12 in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"This will be advantageous for the vaulter to abort and still have a chance to come back and try again within the prescribed time limit if he or she has a bad approach," said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Track and Field Rules Committee. "This change will now allow all vertical jumps to be judged the same in regard to aborted attempts and trials."

There has also been a revision in the length of the stopboard used for shot put. Rule 6-5-4 will revert back to the 4-foot measurement of a stan-

dard or international-length stopboard instead of converting to a shorter stopboard for the 34.92-degree sector.

"This will prevent schools from installing custom boards," Oakes said. "Manufacturers are not making a stopboard for the 34.92-degree sector and it is not necessary to require schools to provide funding for this extra expense of a custom board."

A significant rules change in 4-3-1d(1) concerning uniforms specifies that a school's name or insignia may be worn on an undergarment, providing it is not larger than 27 square inches with no dimension more than 27 inches. Previous rules regarding uniforms did not address if a school's insignia was considered legal on undergarments.

"Along with permitting school identification on undergarments, the rule also states that if more than one visible garment is worn under a uniform top or bottom, they all need to be the same, solid color under that piece of the uniform," Oakes said. "This will help clarify what constitutes a legal uniform."

Rule 2-3-2 will replace Rule 2-3-3, allowing meet results to be correct-

ed at any time when a participant, who has been disqualified from further participation in the meet and/or should not have participated in the meet at any time, has participated and scored points. According to Oakes, previously there had never been a rule that specifically outlined this situation.

The final rules change, Rule 3-2-4g, states that the games committee will now have the authority to designate specific areas where coaches may observe and confer with athletes during competition, thus assisting coaches and meet administration especially when a venue may be located away from the track.

"Overall, all five rules changes are to the benefit of the competitors," Oakes said.

Track and field is the third-most popular sport among boys and the second-most popular sport among girls at the high school level with 973,185 combined participants during the 2005-06 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks second in school sponsorship for both boys and girls.

## Gillispie, Huggins among coaches adjusting to new teams

by DAN GELSTON  
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PHILADELPHIA - Tubby Smith hit the road shortly after taking the job at Minnesota, sharing his vision of what the Gophers will be about and hoping that everyone liked his pitch.

Only instead of prized recruits, Smith met with people from all over Minnesota as part of a coaches' caravan that allowed him to reach out to a depressed fan base that, much like the program he inherited, was sorely in need of revitalization.

What Smith found out was that the kind of winning percentage that caused grumbling in Kentucky earned him a welcome worthy of a returning native son from the disillusioned fans.

"There's a sense of people wanting to be excited," Smith said. "I needed a new challenge and something to really get the blood going again. This is it. Minnesota's that place."

Smith was one of more than 50 coaches to take a new job this off-season and easily the highest in profile, with a national championship at Kentucky and 14 straight 20-win seasons. All had their reasons - heading home, more money, better program - but all had one thing in common:

"It is always hard," said John Beilein, who left West Virginia for Michigan. "But sometimes it's just refreshing to start anew."

All the coaches scouting at this week's elite Reebok high school basketball camp at Philadelphia University looked straight out of a merchandise catalog with school logos and names stitched all over their polo shirts, only it seemed slightly off to see the coaches wearing them.

Only months ago, Kansas' Bill

Self chat with Bob Huggins and Billy Gillispie in the bleachers may as well have been an impromptu Big 12 coaches conference. Instead, Huggins bolted from Kansas State after one year to fill Beilein's spot at West Virginia and Gillispie left his blossoming Texas A&M program for the more prestigious Kentucky job vacated by Smith.

While the demands of appeasing an often finicky fan base, along with five double-digit loss seasons in the last eight years, started to wear on Smith, Gillispie is ready for the challenge.

Gillispie has made his mark rebuilding programs like UTEP from 2002-04 and then at Texas A&M, where he just led the Aggies to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 for the first time in 27 years. The expectations are higher at Kentucky and Gillispie knows he can return the program to among the nation's elite.

He made an instant impact, quickly signing one of the final blue-chip high school prospects available. Without playing a game, Gillispie is already a winner at Kentucky only instead of topping the Top 25, he's a hit on the public opinion polls on Internet message boards and blogs.

"I like expectations, I like passion," Gillispie said. "That passion has enabled them to win the most games in college basketball history and hopefully that passion is going to help us win."

While all the coaches insisted they're recruiting from the same pool of top recruits, Gillispie likes how easier some of those stars are now looking back at him and his school.

"You might be received a little bit better when you're at the University of Kentucky because of the tradition," he said.

Now all Gillispie needs is one of the tour busses like Smith had in

Minnesota.

"I'm looking forward to meeting every single person in Kentucky if I get a chance to," he said.

Well, he shouldn't expect a welcome mat in Louisville.

Beilein, who paid \$1.5 million to West Virginia for taking the job at Michigan with five years remaining on his deal, said those same fans who are happy now with a fresh face and a new voice could be the same ones setting up fircoach.com Web sites when the wins don't come as quickly as they'd like.

"People who have won national championships before, I think their patience line might be different," he said.

Smith knows all about coaching under the weight of impatient fans. He won't get that in Minnesota where the Gophers went 9-22 last season and suffered through the academic fraud scandal under Clem Haskins and only one NCAA tournament in seven-plus seasons under Don Monson. There are no immediate Big Ten title expectations for now.

"I think they're a little more realistic than that, coming off the year we had," Smith said. "They did win nine games. They have some solid kids returning."

Huggins is enjoying a happy homecoming in his return to West Virginia. He was a former captain and two-time academic All-American during his 1975-1977 playing days, and spent the first year of his coaching career with the Mountaineers as a graduate assistant.

Huggins is finding it easy to reconnect with old friends and fans.

"I was there for five years, so you take four years on either side and it's like 13 years of people you went to school with," Huggins said.

East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley and NFL veteran Jay Fiedler, one of the team's owners, signed autographs for Adams Middle School youth basketball camp participants Thursday afternoon.

The Miners will be playing their home games in Pikeville at the East Kentucky Expo Center. More on the Miners can be found online at [www.ekminers.com](http://www.ekminers.com).



**PRESTONSBURG 15-16-YEAR-OLDS:** The Prestonsburg 15-16-year-old baseball team was the first Prestonsburg Little League team to claim a district championship. Strong pitching, fielding and hitting carried the Prestonsburg team to the district title.



## HS SOFTBALL: Rules amended to permit metal cleats in 2008

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS - High school softball players will be permitted to wear metal cleats and metal toe plates beginning with the 2008 season.

This change in Rule 3-2-11 is one of three rules revisions approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee at its annual meeting June 10-12 in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"Metal cleats provide better traction for athletes on nearly all surfaces, including hard, wet or under-maintained fields," said Cindy Simmons, chair of the NFHS Softball Rules Committee and assistant executive director of the Oregon School Activities Association. "They also help prevent slippage on the bases, especially home plate."

Current rules prohibit runners from illegal tactics when sliding, and if sliding is executed correctly, the risk of defensive players being "spiked" will decrease.

In another change, Rule 7-3-1 states that a batter shall take her position in the batter's box within 10 seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher in the circle. Previously, the batter was permitted 20 seconds to enter the box, and the pitcher was also allotted 20 seconds to deliver the pitch.

"Before this change, we had two sets of rules in conflict with one another," Simmons said. "By allowing the batter 10 seconds to enter the box, the pitcher now has the other 10 seconds to step on the pitcher's plate and deliver the pitch. This change clarifies previous confusion and keeps the game flowing."

The final rules revision, Rule 3-6-7, restricts the head coach to the dugout when a second, unreported substitution occurs. Head coaches are held responsible for reporting all substitutions, and if a second infraction occurs, he or she is held accountable along with the player.

The committee also approved major editorial changes in addition to the rules changes. Rule 1-5-4 clarifies what constitutes a legal bat, stating that bats must meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and not be on the ASA non-approved list.

Rule 2-5-3, new Rule 8-2-13 and Rule 8-6-15 all specify when an on-deck batter is subject to interference and clarifies the penalty associated with the infraction.

Rule 3-6-6 adds that bat and ball shaggers are permitted out of the dugout. In addition, bench personnel are permitted out of the dugout between innings for warm-up purposes.

"There have been misconceptions about where individuals need to be during specific points of the game," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Softball Rules Committee. "We want state associations to be aware that it is legal for the bench to engage in throwing and running activities during the one minute designated for the pitcher to warm up at the beginning of each half inning."

The committee also identified three points of emphasis for the 2008 season. These include pitching, equipment and the use of proper softball signals by umpires.

Softball is the fourth-most popular sport among girls at the high school level with 369,094 participants during the 2005-06 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship for girls across the nation with 14,710 schools.

For additional softball news, visit The Floyd County Times online at:

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# France finally steps out of father's shadow

by JENNA FRYER  
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Brian France walked through the FanZone at Daytona International Speedway without handlers or security. The NASCAR chairman seemed like just another face in the crowd.

Few recognized the sport's most influential man, who was back at the track after a month away following the June 4 death of his father, former chairman Bill France Jr.

France hardly eased into his return. He charged back, spending much of last week making it very clear this is his sport now.

He defended NASCAR's strong new stance against cheating. He voiced his disapproval of suspended crew chiefs coming to the track during their punishment. His top competition officials — the ones who told crew chiefs they could be on the grounds as long as they weren't in the garage — were sent scrambling to close the loophole.

"We went to the proper people and asked them what the rules were and what they wanted us to do," said Tony Eury Jr., who attended five of six races during his suspension. "I just don't think he knew, to be honest. Brian didn't know what they were

doing."

There's always been a perception that France spent his first three years as chairman ruling from afar, thus creating a disconnect from the day-to-day decisions of the family business. That he was ostensibly unaware of what was going on may have proved that has sometimes been the case, but once France saw the crew chiefs flaunting their at-track presence, he quickly corrected his oversight by cracking down.

Then he worked the garage at Saturday night's Pepsi 400, first joining Sprint chairman Tim Kelly at a news conference to announce a name change to NASCAR's top series, then introducing Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani to the industry.

France was firmly out front, finally free from the shadow of his late father.

France Jr. was tough to please, and every decision his son made was most certainly scrutinized. It made for awkward moments — from his seat in the crowd, Bill grabbed a microphone to interrupt Brian's presentation during a 2003 news conference — and probably hindered Brian's transition into the top job.

Now able to rule without restraint, France is clear to continue his quest

to make NASCAR more corporate than country. Simply put, he wants the sport on the same playing field with the other major league sports.

This makeover requires France to trample on tradition, and that comes with the risk of alienating NASCAR's longtime fans. But in taking off the restrictor plate and shaking things up, France has the opportunity to raise his status and put himself in the same league as some of the top leaders in professional sports.

After all, his emphasis on cleaning up the sport by stomping out its culture of cheating is no different from what's going on in every other professional league.

David Stern put his stamp on the NBA by trying to clean up its drug image through a dress code and rules aimed at curbing fighting. Bud Selig is cracking down on cheating in baseball with a stringent steroid policy, and Roger Goodell has clamped down on the NFL with a discipline edict that has made character nearly as important as talent.

France wants the same for NASCAR, and at a time when sponsors are hard to come by, he's trying to create the perfect corporate model. Ridding the sport of cheating, a previously accepted and celebrated part of NASCAR, could do it.

But this zero-tolerance policy is harsh — eight teams have faced heavy sanctions this season, and nine people have been suspended for cheating — and not everyone likes it.

Bobby Allison, who won 85 races from 1966 to 1988, thinks it's excessive.

"I know NASCAR is really trying to make an impression that nobody can cheat on anything ... but that's not the racing that Bill France Sr. started with and Bill France Jr. continued with and that NASCAR competitors old and new have any kind of feel for," he said.

That's OK with France, who has the power to make this a very new NASCAR. He credits his grandfather and father for building the sport, but knows its scope is so much bigger and the stakes are so much higher.

It's why he pushed to move races from traditional Southern markets and into California, Phoenix, Kansas City and Chicago. And he pulled the trigger on the Chase for the championship, the manufactured 10-race title hunt. When the first three years of the Chase didn't satisfy him, he didn't hesitate to tinker with the format and expand the field.

He brought on a new series sponsor and a new fuel provider and is willing to sever ties with longtime

regional partners. France has also been at the helm during the introduction of the Car of Tomorrow, which is designed to cut costs, improve safety and foster better racing.

Some of his ideas are radical, and some fans have soured on this new NASCAR. But what France has done is on the same plane as when Selig introduced the wild card and interleague play to baseball. The moves were decried at the time, but few would argue baseball isn't better for them.

Time will tell if France can do the same.

France has plenty of time to leave his stamp on NASCAR, and his work shouldn't be limited to this focus on cheating. He wants to explore alternative fuels and the possibility of a race in China. He must find a way to stabilize sinking TV ratings and make sure the COT succeeds. And he should look into establishing a retired driver fund to help NASCAR's earliest stars.

This is France's time now, a chance to show this isn't his Daddy's NASCAR anymore. But in doing so, it just might become clear the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

## JR Motorsports signs Keselowski to three-race Busch Series deal

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Brad Keselowski will drive the No. 88 Chevrolet in the next three Busch Series races for JR Motorsports, starting Saturday at Chicagoland Speedway. Keselowski will also pilot the car at Gateway International Raceway and O'Reilly Raceway Park. Brad Keselowski

The selection comes one week after Dale Earnhardt Jr. announced that he was replac-

ing Shane Huffman after a midseason evaluation of the team's performance.

Keselowski, 24, is a native of Rochester Hills, Mich. He drove for Keith Coleman Racing in the Busch Series until the team suspended operations last month.

Keselowski jumped at the opportunity to drive the No. 9 truck when Germain Racing needed a last-minute replacement for Ted Musgrave at Memphis Motorsports Park two weeks ago. Keselowski

scored the Bud Pole Award, led four times for a total of 62 laps and contended for the win.

Keselowski is a third-generation racecar driver, following in the footsteps of his father, Bob Keselowski.

Brad Keselowski made his NASCAR national touring division debut in the Truck Series in 2004. In 42 starts in the Truck Series, his best finish is seventh. Keselowski's best Busch Series finish is 24th in 20 starts.

## Coca-Cola to replace Pepsi in exclusive deal at 10 auto racetracks

by HARRY R. WEBER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The Coca-Cola Co. will take over exclusive soft drink and water marketing and pouring rights at 10 racetracks served by rival Pepsi by 2012 under a multi-million dollar deal announced Monday with International Speedway Corp.

The 10-year deal makes Coca-Cola's brands the official soft drink, official sparkling beverage and official water for 10 of the 13 tracks owned or operated by ISC, including Daytona International Speedway, the venue for one of racing's premier events, the Daytona 500.

Both Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and Purchase, N.Y.-based Pepsi bid for the agreement. Several factors including price were involved in the selection of Coca-Cola, ISC spokesman Lenny Santiago said.

"Pepsi's decision was to focus on other parts of its sports business, so we both decided to part ways," Santiago said.

The deal with Coke is

believed to be worth tens of millions of dollars, though Santiago declined to give an exact value.

Pepsi, which currently serves all 10 tracks, has been the official beverage company at Daytona for nearly 50 years. The Pepsi 400 was run at the track on Saturday. Coca-Cola's deal at the Daytona track starts in January.

"We have enjoyed a wonderful 50-year partnership with Daytona and we wish them the best in the future," Pepsi spokeswoman Nicole Bradley said.

She said Pepsi, a division of PepsiCo Inc., remains committed to racing and will leverage its relationships with other racing figures and at the remaining tracks where it has marketing agreements in place.

Santiago said Pepsi still has marketing agreements in place with ISC tracks in Fontana, Calif., and Martinsville, Va., that allow Pepsi the right to negotiate extensions when those deals come up for renewal.

In addition to Daytona International Speedway, the

Coca-Cola partnership with Daytona Beach, Fla.-based ISC beginning next year will include Chicagoland Speedway, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Kansas Speedway, Michigan International Speedway and Richmond International Speedway.

The relationship will extend to Darlington Raceway in 2009, Talladega Superspeedway and Watkins Glen International in 2011, and Phoenix International Raceway in 2012.

Coca-Cola officials said that under the agreement, its beverages will be served exclusively at the facilities by Americrown, ISC's catering, concessions and merchandising subsidiary, and by other facility concessionaires. Coca-Cola's North America unit plans to create programs featuring ISC properties at the tracks and elsewhere.

**On the Net:**  
The Coca-Cola Co.: <http://www.coca-cola.com>  
International Speedway Corp.: <http://www.iscmotorsports.com>



photos by Steve LeMaster

**FEATURE WINNER:** Shannon Thornsberry (17), pictured turning a qualifying lap during the recent O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series event at 201 Speedway, claimed another feature win Saturday night. Thornsberry, who hails from Martin, finished first in a crowded Late Model feature field that included 20-plus cars. Terry Hicks (64) finished fourth in the latest 201 Speedway Late Model feature. Officials at Chuckle May's 201 Speedway are busy preparing for the upcoming race weekend.

## Earnhardt mainstreams his marketability

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was a freshman in high school when he figured out that image is everything and for him to be considered cool, he had to have a pair of old-school adidas Samba Classic sneakers.

With a clean look and simple colors, the Sambas were an extension of Earnhardt's shy, quiet personality.

"When you are in high school in Mooresville (N.C.), your shoe is your hallmark," Earnhardt said. "What kind of shoe you have on, that's where you stand in the chain of command. It was really important, and I thought adidas was the best brand."

Eighteen years later, Earnhardt still chooses his brands carefully and adidas again made the cut as NASCAR's most popular driver mainstreams his endorsement portfolio. His signing last week with adidas America on a multi-year personal services contract came just two weeks after he announced a similar deal with Sony.

Both companies are international and significantly broaden Earnhardt's marketing image. Although he's a superstar in America, U.S.-based sponsors Budweiser, Chevrolet and Wrangler haven't made Earnhardt an international icon.

His new deals could help, as Earnhardt becomes just the fourth athlete to receive his own personal clothing line with adidas. Also in that group? International superstar David Beckham, as well as New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush and Houston Rockets star Tracy McGrady.

"It's a little intimidating," admitted Earnhardt, who played soccer in high school. "I look up to Beckham and the things he's been able to accomplish and the persona he's built up over the years."

Now Earnhardt has the opportunity to do the same.

He announced in May that he was leaving Dale Earnhardt Inc., and decided a month later to sign with powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports. The

adidas and Sony deals came right after, and the timing is not lost on anyone.

Earnhardt has spent his entire career with his late father's race team, and often found himself locked into deals that the late Dale Earnhardt picked for him. That didn't ease after the elder Earnhardt's death in 2001, as Junior had to take over many of his father's contracts to help DEI retain the business.

"We had all them sponsors that DEI was bringing in, whoever they wanted to work with, and they didn't always match perfectly with me," Earnhardt said. "And when Dad died ... I had to help out to keep the contracts good. They were selling pieces of me here and there just to keep things going."

"But when I decided to cut my ties with DEI, the phones started ringing and it was like 'Hey, we want to work Dale Jr.'"

Earnhardt suddenly had his pick of endorsement deals, and adidas was No. 1 on the list. He'd tried five years earlier to land a sneaker deal with the company for his self-owned race team, but Germany-based adidas wasn't interested.

The conversations resumed shortly after Earnhardt hired Thayer Lavielle, a former vice president with L'Oreal USA, to run marketing and brand development at JR Motorsports last July.

Although interested, adidas didn't commit until after Earnhardt decided to leave DEI at the end of this season, said Mark Clinard, business director for motor sports at adidas America.

"Obviously you sign him because he's enormously popular, but this focus on wanting to get better and committing to doing everything he can to win a championship just really fits perfectly with us," Clinard said. "When people get serious about winning and make some really tough decisions like he made, it's really a natural."

The DEI decision may have pushed adidas over the edge, but Lavielle said Earnhardt's expanding portfolio doesn't correlate directly to changing times. Instead, it's a culmination of the work she has done with his sister, Kelley

Earnhardt Elledge, in the year since Lavielle joined JR Motorsports.

Now that they've inked two significant deals, Lavielle said they will wait to see how sponsorship of his new Hendrick ride shakes out before making more moves. Budweiser has sponsored Earnhardt's Cup car since 1999 and wants to stay with him, but Hendrick might not be interested in signing the company.

Regardless, Earnhardt has a personal services contract with Bud through 2008.

Whatever company ends up sponsoring Earnhardt's new ride will use an intense marketing campaign, and Lavielle said they don't want the driver to become a rolling billboard. His late father was widely recognized as a pitchman for just a handful of companies, and Earnhardt wants the same image.

"We want a small stable of partners, to align him with brands that he's comfortable with and projects that are fun for him," Lavielle said. "This sport is, by its nature, riddled with sponsorships. But we are in a good position where we can say 'Hey, I don't know if that one fits for us,' and make careful choices when it comes to his lifestyle management."

One deal already in the pipeline, though, is a candy bar that Earnhardt has had a hand in developing. He won't reveal many details, only that he and the JR Motorsports staff tasted endless combinations looking for the perfect match. Earnhardt has been involved with how the bar will be shaped, what it will look like and "if it's going to break into pieces when you take a bite. You gotta have it how you want it if your name is on it," he said.

He's come a long way since his days as a short, skinny kid just trying to fit in at school, and Earnhardt has clear ideas on how he wants to be perceived. He believes carefully choosing his endorsement deals helps him convey his desired image.

"I would like to be the guy, your friend next door that you hope gets home early so you can start playing video games," he said. "I want to be that guy."

## Thornsberry returns to 201 Speedway Victory Lane

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Veteran dirt track driver Shannon Thornsberry outlasted the rest of the Late Model feature field Saturday night at 201 Speedway. The Martin driver held off a hard-charging Rod Evans. The Late Model feature consisted of 23 cars. The rest of the top-five included Paul Harris, fast-qualifier Terry Hicks and Richie Edwards.

Others feature winners Saturday night were Dennis Deboard (Open Wheel Modified), Tim Mason (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Jamie Hamilton (Four Cylinder). Track officials at the Johnson County venue are already gearing up for another race weekend. A breakdown from this past Saturday night's feature races follows.

Late Model: 17 Shannon Thornsberry; 11 Rod Evans; 10 Paul Harris; 64 Terry

Hicks; 3 Richie Edwards; 87 David Smith; 24H Michael P. Howard; 10 Raymond Nichols; 6 Rodney Davis; 33 Chris Meadows; 81 Brandon Fouts; 43K Kevin Hall; 3 Jacob Ross; 88T Tandy Spurlock; 9 Michael Butcher; 81 Benny Butcher; 97 Lee McKenzie; 57 Brittany McKinney; 15 Brian Pennington; 71 Donald Runyon; 25 Cowan Kinney; B71 (Driver name unavailable); 8 Anthony Adams.

Open Wheel Modified: 46 Dennis Deboard; 21 J.J. Brock; 7A Glenn Patton; 33 Corey McKenzie; 911 Brandon Johnson; 84 Wall Mayabb; 35 Jeremy Hayes; 32 Jimmy Adams; 74 Beadie Blackburn; 28M Kevin Mayabb; 17S Brian Salisbury; 23 Courtney Conley; 11 Pete Castle; 77 Greg Gibson; 20 Jason Perry; 00 Chris Prater; CJ1 Charlie Jude; 2T Jack Tackett; 38 Marty Meade.

Mr Metal Bomber Feature:

45 Tim Mason; J17 J.J. Terry; 3 Shannon Richmond; 37H Greg Hensley; 3D Darren Damron; 20 Bo Howard; P12 Dean Pennington; 23 Matt Spence; P20 Ervin Vance; 6 Robbie Baker; 3 Scott Lemaster; 73 Charlie Mollette; 31 Albie Howell; B4 Jarod Blair; 13 Josh Sexton; 9X Steve Lewis; 44 Ryan Jarrrell; J11 Justin Tackett; 22 Jamie Conley.

Four Cylinder Feature: 3D Jamie Hamilton; Old 7 Gary Whitt; 18K DI Henson; 18S Shawn Ousley; 71 Ryan Litteral; D6 Darren Rogers; 99 Pat Morris; B2 Michael Blair; 20 Donnie Tackett; 63T Shirlee Tackett; A77 McCaye Sexton; RA 47 Jamie Hall; B15 Benjamin Mayhan; A17 Alan Salisbury; B70 Jason Blair; L8 Chuckie Mitchell; J4 Shannon Hall; 30 Estill Lawson; 20 (Driver name unavailable).

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**THROUGH MY EYES**

**Summer shakin'**

I know that summer is fully underway once I get myself over to see the KY Opry summer show at the MAC. I made it over this past Friday night with a beautiful young lady in tow, Miss L a K o l e Ousley, who very graciously offered me an extra ticket she happened to have since her mom,



**Kathy Prater**  
Lifestyles editor

Donna, had to be out of town. (Sorry, Donna, that you couldn't make it, but I sure am glad that I did!)

As always, the entertainment was amazing. From the Jr. Pros on up to the Opry professionals, song after song was executed with passion and perfection. And, did you guys out there know that Kory Caudill and dad, Keith, take the stage together this season? Well, if you did, you have either already

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**DINNER DIVA**

**How to do your own freezer meals**

by LEANNE ELY

There is nothing quite like the right appliance for doing the right task. Take my pasta maker for example. Yes, you can take it—I don't use it. But touch my crock pot? You and I are going to have issues. I love my crock pot.



**Lenne Ely**

But right now, my crock pot is my second best friend. My bff (best friend forever) is my freezer—my lovely, icy friend, the freezer.

My freezer holds dinners in it, lots of them. Not the kind that Stouffers or any of those other guys make, dinners that I made all at one time. I guess you could say I've been sucked in by the latest trend—the dinner assembly franchise.

The only difference is I do it myself. I've always been a do it yourself type and that certainly applies to cooking. And considering that I am "The Dinner Diva," I

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photos by Kathy J. Prater

Kids attending the 1st Responder Youth Summer Camp this week at the East Kentucky Science Center got a birdseye view of a medically equipped helicopter that touched down on the science center grounds early Thursday morning.

**Rescue, Respond**

**EKSC campers learn about emergency services**

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

When lights flash, sirens scream, and emergency vehicles take off in fast gear, kids everywhere pay attention. Hence, the idea to offer a youth summer camp on First Responders at the East Kentucky Science Center.

"We really thought the kids would like it," said Eric Thomas, director, EKSC. "I know they're all certainly anxious to see the helicopter arrive," he said early Thursday morning as campers waited patiently, dressed in full protective gear, for the arrival of a life flight helicopter scheduled to appear from the sky at any moment.

"Now," said Tim Cooley, of the Floyd County Rescue Squad, "we don't ever approach a helicopter until when?" he quizzed the kids as they waited.

"Not until the pilot tells you!," was the quick response from several campers, who obviously had paid close attention during camp class time.

As the long-awaited copter finally arrived, sending up a cloud of dust and strong wind, campers, as well as EKSC staff, were all anxious about



Captain George Jake, pilot, answered questions from the children in regard to flying, obtaining a pilot's license, and medical evacuations.

getting an up-close look at the flying machine.

"Bet you're glad you're wearing your goggles now," Thomas joked with the campers who agreed in hearty unison as dust and debris flew

around the center parking lot.

The science center, in collaboration with the Floyd County 911 office, Prestonsburg 911 Center, Prestonsburg Fire Department, Prestonsburg Police Department,

Floyd County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Floyd County American Red Cross, Trans-Star Ambulance Service, and Highlands Regional Medical Center presented a week-long "1st Responder" summer camp for area youth.

Campers, through both hands-on training and classroom instruction, spent the week learning how each of the various emergency services operate, working with equipment that the various services use in their daily operations, and gaining a basic understanding of the emergency Incident Command System.

Additionally, campers were able to learn about the educational requirements and skills necessary to build a successful career in the emergency services field.

During the week long session, campers learned about fingerprinting, collecting evidence from the scene of a crime/accident, self-contained breathing equipment used by fire emergency responders, water rescue, basic first aid, decontamination procedures, and more.

The week culminated in having campers participate in a mock incident, followed by graduation ceremonies.

**FLY LADY**

**What's holding you down?**

by MARLA CILLEY

Clutter has invaded the sacred peace of your home. It is tearing you and your family apart. When are you going to get fed up and toss him out on his car? I know you have been decluttering and bagging up stuff for weeks now, but have you gotten it out of your home for good? What is the sense in bagging it up, if you have to continue to look at the bags of stuff piled up in the hallway or against a wall?

When you just bag it up and move it from one place to another, you are not dealing with the problem. Do you know what happens when it continues to stay in your home? The bags will find a way to open and the contents will make its way back into the mainstream of the clutter and chaos that you are trying to get rid of. Why do we do this to ourselves?

This happens because we procrastinate. Yes! We put off until tomorrow and that day never comes. Right away

is the easy way. Get the bags out of the house and take it off.

Have you noticed that with the 27 Fling Boogie, you are required to take that bag or box to the car right then? Your home is not a dumping ground. Toss this stuff out one grocery bag at a time. It is so easy if you will just be consistent with taking it out of your home.

Some people have found great joy in decluttering by ordering a dumpster of their very own for a week or even a

month. Just tell the neighbors you are renovating your home. After all, you are making major changes. When you get this clutter out of your home, it is going to feel like you have moved into a new place.

If you can't afford to get a dumpster, some people have rented a Uhaul trailer for a few bucks. They have filled it up and took the stuff to the landfill or to the thrift shop. You have to get it out of your home so you can move.

So quit tripping over your bagged up clutter and toss it out of your living space. This is the only way you are going to find the peace that you have



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# Family Medicine

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## Withdrawal from addictive caffeine can produce severe headaches

**Q** My sister-in-law says that if she doesn't have her morning cappuccino from a certain coffee store, she will get a migraine. We were traveling recently, and she was not able to get her specific coffee store cappuccino. I offered her other forms of caffeine, like coffee from elsewhere, but she wouldn't drink it and got her headache. Can this really happen or was she putting me on?

**A** It sounds to me like your sister-in-law is suffering from morning caffeine withdrawal symptoms. This type of physical addiction to caffeine is fair-

ly common. Despite its prevalence, however, there's a lot of misunderstanding about caffeine in our society. Let me give you some facts.

Caffeine is the most widely used mood-altering drug in the world. It is one of the principal chemicals in coffee, tea, some sodas, chocolate and many medications. In the United States, about 90 percent of adults and children use caffeinated beverages on a regular basis. The average daily intake is about 280 mg, but as little as 30 mg per day can be mood altering.

Many problems have been associated with caffeine use. One of these is caffeine withdrawal. The headaches

that you mentioned are the most common symptom. They are usually severe, and over 50 percent of people who are heavy caffeine users experience these headaches. Caffeine withdrawal can also cause fatigue or drowsiness, mental depression, irritability and difficulty concentrating. In some cases, it can even produce flu-like symptoms such as nausea, muscle pain, and stiffness.

Other problems related to the use of this drug include caffeine intoxication, caffeine-induced insomnia, and caffeine-induced anxiety disorders. Its use has also been linked with the worsening of conditions such as panic attack, anxiety, gastroesophageal reflux (GERD) and urinary difficulties. Many people with high blood pressure and heart trouble are advised to stop drinking coffee.

Some people, especially those who are not regular caffeine users, do get an energy boost from ingesting some caffeine. Many regular caffeine

users also get a morning boost after being without caffeine overnight. Some experts feel that the morning coffee in regular users just helps to stop the caffeine withdrawal symptoms rather than give an actual energy boost.

If you take in too much caffeine and become intoxicated, you may suffer symptoms such as anxiety, rapid pulse, rapid speech, upset stomach, tremors and frequent urination. This will usually resolve in a few hours if no more caffeine is consumed. This is sometimes seen in college students during exam time.

An indication of the truly addictive nature of caffeine is the inability of many people to cut down. Some even continue to use caffeine in spite of advice from their physician that it will aggravate a medical condition they have. Others won't cut down to avoid withdrawal.

Abrupt withdrawal can produce severe symptoms in some. Others

will have no symptoms. That's why it is best to gradually cut down on your caffeine intake over several days.

As for your sister-in-law, any product with a similar amount of caffeine should prevent a caffeine withdrawal headache. Her need for a specific coffee shop brand is a sign that her caffeine addiction has a psychological component to it.

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## School Happenings

### Back to School Health Fair

July 18 - 9th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Duff-Allen Central Middle School (please enter through gym). Physicals (initial and 6th grade), drawings for free haircuts, child ID's (K, 2nd and 4th grades), school supplies, and more!

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

July 18 - Back-to-School Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Duff/Allen Central Middle School. Many services will be offered free of charge including school physicals, school supplies, child ID, and drawings for free haircuts.

July 18 - FREE clothing giveaway at the Graceway Church, located on Rt. 80, at Maytown. Open to all Floyd County families in need.

July 24 - Parent Volunteer and Confidentiality training, 6 p.m., in library. This training is required for volunteers and must be renewed each year.

July 26 - Parent Volunteer/Confidentiality training, 6 p.m., in school library. This training must be renewed on a yearly basis.

July 31 - 6th grade orientation, 6 p.m.

July 31 - 7th and 8th grade Open House, 7 p.m.

Updated student health records may be dropped off at the center during the summer break.

The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open throughout the summer months. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services or if you need assistance during the summer.

### Allen Central High School

Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

### Allen Central Middle School

July 18 - Clothing Give-Away at Graceway Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 26 - Volunteer training for parents/guardians who wish to volunteer in Floyd County schools. Training will be held at Allen Central High School lunchroom, at 6 p.m.

Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordina-

tor, at 358-0134.

### Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

### Betsy Layne Elementary

Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

### Betsy Layne High School

July 16 - Parent meeting, 6 p.m.

July 17, 18 - Freshman orientation. Registration, 8:30 a.m. For more information about either of these meetings/events, contact Vicky Ratliff at the school.

### Clark Elementary

Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

### Duff Elementary

FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the

school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

### May Valley Elementary

Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

### McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

McDowell FRC will once again provide two weeks of FREE summer activities for McDowell Elementary students. All activities will be from 9-11 a.m. You may call 377-2678 to register your child for the following sessions:

July 16, 17 - Melissa Perry (Southeast AHEC, McDowell ARH) will conduct sessions.

July 19, 20 - 4-H Extension program, "Jump into Foods & Fun."

July 23-27 - Neva Francis, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will conduct sessions on nutrition.

Also, the school will be sponsoring open-gym activities for students and community members throughout the summer months. The weekly schedule will change, however, due to other pre-scheduled activities. A schedule will be posted each week on the gym door. Students under 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

### Mountain Christian Academy

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

### Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://fiod.sstts.com> and

click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

### W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

July 23, 24 - 4-H Day Camp; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

### Wesley Christian School

WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

### Big Sandy Community & Technical College

#### Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments

1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.

6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pellrey - Assistant

Ron Johnson, Stephanina Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

## Diva

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adore great food—especially when it's easy-button easy. Lately though, I've been very busy—traveling, writing and trying to juggle everything at once. So what's a busy Dinner Diva to do?

Make it all at one time, put it in the freezer and pull out my handy-dandy, ready-to-go dinners from the freezer in the morning and voila, dinner is a snap that night. I can't tell you how fun this is! So how does this work, you ask? Here's the low down on how you can do it yourself, too:

Make up a list of recipes that you like—say 10 at one time.

Make sure they will freeze well. You will want to skip stuff with hard boiled eggs in them and boiled potatoes. They don't do too well with freezing.

Don't fully cook any pasta dishes—they will be watery, overcooked and yucky by the time you thaw and eat them.

Make up your grocery list. I do mine in categories like the grocery store; dairy, meat, produce, canned goods, etc.

Assemble your meals in stations: have all your produce chopped and prepped, your other stuff measured and lastly, your freezer quality zipper-topped bags ready to handle your assembled meal. Don't forget to mark the bag and date it (use a Sharpie so the ink won't run)

See how easy that is? I've shown you how to do it yourself so you don't need an expensive franchise place anymore. I also have a freezable example recipe for you to try. If you need more help doing it yourself, I have the new Mega Menu Mailer on my site, so go take a peek!

### Caribbean Steak

In a 1 gallon freezer bag combine:

- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 2 cloves garlic (pressed)
- 1/4 teaspoon lime zest
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 pounds lean top round steak

Gently and carefully squeeze the bag to force out any air then seal the bag. Insert this bag into a gallon sized plastic freezer bag and place a copy of the recipe into the 2nd bag as well and seal it. Place your label on the bag or write the name and date on the bag and place in the freezer.

### DAY OF COOKING:

Once your steaks have thawed (we suggest putting the frozen steaks in the fridge the night before you want to use them or that morning—never thaw at room temperature), pre-heat your barbecue grill. Add the steaks to the grill and cook to desired temperature. Serve with steamed broccoli and baked potatoes for a simple meal.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website — [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely



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# New Arrivals

**Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center**

**June 18, 2007**  
A son, Logan Eric, to Cassandra Honeycutt of Salyersville.

**June 20, 2007**  
A son, Jason Nathaniel Risner, to Betty Mullins of Royalton.

**June 23, 2007**  
A son, Braden John, to Amanda and John Russell of Salyersville.

**Highlands Regional Medical Center**

**June 23, 2007**  
A son, Colter Daniel Casebolt, to Danny & Ashlee Casebolt, of Tutor Key

**June 25, 2007**  
A daughter, Laiken Nicole Collett, to Marquita Denise Collett, of Garrett  
A daughter, Demi Greathouse, to Alicia & Jerome Greathouse, of Van Lear  
A son, Arvin Allen Lynn Stone, to Hope Marie Rose, of Eastern  
A son, Caden Alexander Young, to

April Rena Davis, of Van Lear

**June 26, 2007**  
A son, Brayson Edward Robinson, to Mitzi Jean & Garth Edward Robinson, of Allen

A daughter, Betty Brooklyn Howell, to Veronica Howell, of Prestonsburg

**June 28, 2007**  
A son, Preston Blake Shepherd, to Stacey & Donny Shepherd, of Hucysville  
A son, Grayson Wesley Hunt, to Charity & Wesley Hunt, of Prestonsburg

A son, Taylor Jacob Collett, to Alana & Gregory Collett, of Garrett  
A son, Trentan Gage Davis, to Trista & Jamic Davis, of Salyersville

**June 29, 2007**  
A son, Ryan Wayne Moyer, to Delbert & Juanita Moyer, of Mousie  
A daughter, Cadence Lashee Perkins, to Brandy & Larry Perkins, of Salyersville  
A daughter, Carolyn Grace McDavid, to Melissa & Christopher McDavid, of Printer

A daughter, Tatum Aubrey Hunter, to Daniel & Sara Hunter, of Topmost

**July 1, 2007**  
A daughter, Miley Jo Gadbury, to Lori & Forrest Gadbury, Jr., of Bonnyman  
A son, Gavin Alexander Hall, to Stephanie & Chris Hall, of Prestonsburg  
A daughter, Raegan Elizabeth Rose, to Jennifer & Brent Rose, of Prestonsburg  
A son, Dixon Douglas Kincheloe, to Paul & Amy Kincheloe, of Staffordsville

**July 2, 2007**  
A son, Wolfgang Alexander Huff, to Jennifer Horsley, of Leburn  
A daughter, Shelby Lynn Stump, to Erin & Christopher Stump, of Blackey  
A son, Jacob Morgan Stumbo, to Christine & Jeffrey Stumbo, of Hi Hat

**July 3, 2007**  
A daughter, Kasley Michelle Miller, to David & Neva Miller, of Salyersville  
A daughter, Alexis Breanna Allen, to Ashley Dawn Gross, of Lost Creek  
A son, Dylan Nathaniel Hamilton, to Devon & Johnson, of Prestonsburg



Lloyd Stratton, PHCC resident, recently enjoyed a boat ride on Dewey Lake.

## Making wishes come true

"If you had one wish to be granted, what would it be?" That was the question posed by Activities Director Cheryl Lafferty, of the Prestonsburg Health Care Center, to center resident Lloyd Gene Stratton. After giving the question some considerable thought, Mr. Stratton said that since he had so enjoyed boating with his family when he was a young boy, that his one wish would be to go on a boat ride again.

On June 13, center staff and volunteers loaded up 19 residents and took them off for a day of fun filled with fishing, picnicking and, of course,

boating. Mr. Stratton even got to drive the boat across the lake!

Keeping true to their mission of maintaining and ensuring quality of life for their residents, PHCC staff and volunteers made sure the residents had the opportunity to feed ducks, spot a few deer and take note of a 400 lb. bear that was seen swimming across the lake and climbing up a large tree.

Mr. Stratton and the other residents all came back "home" to the center with many wonderful stories to share with other residents, staff and family members.

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## Eyes

seen the show or you have an inside track that I'm not running on because I had no idea and was thrilled out of mind when the duo took the stage. Dad and son wailed the day-fights out of those baby grands when they performed Jerry Lee Lewis' classic "Great Balls of Fire." Not only did they both tickle the ivories pretty darn good, but they both let loose in song, too.

Awesome. This set alone is worth whatever effort it takes

to get yourself over to the Opry hall.

And could I possibly not mention Munroe and his finale solo? No, I could not. Crazy ol' Munroe, yeah, he knows how to make us all laugh, but you know what? He knows a thing or two about how to touch our hearts as well. Who would have known ol' Munroe had anything in common with Louis Armstrong...

Happened to enjoy another evening of entertainment at the

MAC this week, also, when the 202nd Army National Guard Rock Band took the stage on Thursday evening. I wasn't able to make it out to Wednesday evening's concert band performance, but I did catch the guys (and gal) rockin' it out the next night.

They played all my favorite tunes, too. And even lit up the evening with a shower of red, white and blue balloons that rained down over the audience during their final song. Made

for lots of smiles and happy faces.

In case you missed them, I think I heard the guys in fatigues - carrying instruments instead of guns - say that they will be in Pikeville this weekend.

So, showtime and summertime seem to be synonymous here in the hills of East Ky.

Come on out, and maybe I'll see ya at the popcorn stand. Catch ya next week!

## Fly Lady

been searching for. You cannot organize clutter - it has to be evicted. You can get it out one bag at a time, or you can get serious about this quest and marathon clean with a dumpster. I have done it both ways.

When I first started decluttering, I gathered up one grocery bag a day and took it to the car. Every time I was out, I would drop it off at the Humane Society Thrift Store.

Then last summer, as we were remodeling our home, we ordered a train car sized dumpster and filled it three times. Now most of what went into it was debris from construction we were doing, but Robert and I did purge several tons from our basement. I almost hated to see the dumpster taken away. It had become a very effective tool in our decluttering process.

You have to get your mind ready to declutter your home. This excess stuff is

weighing you down and keeping you from FLYing. STUFF is something that undermines family fun. Just look at what this clutter is doing to your children, husband and most of all to you.

You can't find things in all the mess. You feel guilty because of the mess. You snap at your family when things are messy. You are fussy with your husband and he with you.

Clutter thrives on unrest; this is why it is hard to get comfortable in a home that is piled full of stuff. Clutter loves to make you sick too, because then you will have less energy to pick up and put things where they really belong! IN THE TRASH!

Let go of this clutter and find out just how easy it is for you to maintain your home. Routines are a piece of cake with less stuff to put away. Your home becomes

a joyful place to be, simply because you are surrounding yourself with only the things that you love and use. It is up to you to get rid of this clutter and find yourself!

Don't be afraid, you have hidden behind this clutter for too long now. Open the door and greet your public. I know you can FLY if you will just release the chain that is holding you down to the Earth.

Are you ready to FLY without this weight?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out FlyLady's website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her *New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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# Survey: increasingly portion of working mothers would prefer part-time work

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NEW YORK — A sharply increasing portion of America's working mothers say their ideal situation would include a part-time job, rather than working full time or staying at home, a new national survey finds.

The Pew Research Center survey, being released Thursday, found that only 21 percent of working mothers with children under 18 viewed full-time work as the best arrangement, down from 32 percent in 1997.

Sixty percent of the work-

ing mothers said a part-time job would be best, up from 48 percent 10 years ago. And 19 percent said not working at all would be ideal — roughly the same as in 1997.

Cary Funk, a Pew researcher on the survey, said the trend reflected women's latest thoughts on the ideal arrangement for their children.

"I don't think it means people are going to give up their jobs," she said. "It's more of an expression of the difficulties of combining responsibilities at work and home."

The survey also found a shift in preferences among stay-at-home mothers.

Only 16 percent of them said their ideal situation would be to work full-time outside the home, down from 24 percent in 1997. Conversely, 48 percent of them now say that not working at all outside the home is the best arrangement, up from 39 percent who felt that way in 1997.

Fathers with children under 18 had a different outlook — 72 percent said the ideal situation for them is a full-time job, 12 percent said they would prefer part-time work and 16 percent said not working at all outside the home would be best.

The survey was conducted by telephone in February and March among a national sample of 2,020 adults. The margin of error is 3 percentage points for the full sample, higher for various subgroups.

According to the latest federal figures, 70.5 percent of American women with children under 18 work outside the home — including 60 percent of mothers with children under 3. And the newly emerging preference for part-time work doesn't mesh with current reality: three-quarters of the working mothers have full-time jobs.

However, MaryAnne Hyland, an Adelphi University management professor who has studied flexible work policies, said U.S. companies are increasingly offering attractive part-time arrangements.

"In the past, part-time jobs were often dead-end jobs, and working mothers felt they had

to work full time to maintain benefits," she said. "Now more companies are offering these benefits for part-time jobs."

The Pew survey found a division of opinion between working and stay-at-home mothers as to whether it's good or bad for society that so many mothers work outside the home.

Among stay-at-home moms, 44 percent viewed this trend as bad, 22 percent as good, and the rest said it made no difference. Among working moms, 34 percent saw the trend as positive, another 34 percent as negative.

The survey also found differences in how working and stay-at-home moms assess the job they do as parents — mothers working full-time give themselves lower ratings, on average, than at-home mothers or mothers working part-time. This self-rating question wasn't asked in the 1997 Pew survey, so there was no way to track changes over time.

The survey questions did not seek details about how many hours a week the respondents worked. Joan Williams, an expert on workplace issues at California's Hastings College of the Law, said the finding that more women wanted shorter hours may reflect the fact that many of them — especially in white-collar professions — are working more than 40 hours a week.

## Birthdays



Look who's 4!

Kaden Isaac Conn, the son of Tony and Jessica Conn, of Martin, celebrated his fourth birthday on May 12, 2007, with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle theme party, held at the Martin Community Center. Kaden is the grandson of Tena Bailey, of Hippo, and the late Bobby Bailey, and the late Ike and Pet Conn, formerly of Martin. Many family members and friends attended and helped Kaden celebrate his special day.



Maddie is 2!

Madison Dawne Wilcox turned two years old on May 12, 2007. "Maddie" is the daughter of Melanie and Donald Wilcox III, of East Point. She is the maternal granddaughter of Clinton and Dorothy Lafferty, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Donald Jr. and Dorita Wilcox, of East Point. Maddie celebrated her special day with an "Elmo" theme party and family and friends, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

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In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.6 miles northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 454.15 surface acres and 165.26 acres of underground area, making a total permit area of 619.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles east from Corn Fork Road's junction with KY 3 and is located on Corn Fork of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Floyd Harris Heirs, Bill Monroe Thompson, and Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Floyd Harris Heirs, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Bill Monroe Thompson, Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs, Holly Rose, Mike and Teresa Stratton, Evan and Mary Rose, John Hunt, Lewis and Emma Hunt, Mary Lucille Willis, Jewel Crider, Donald L. and Joyce Goble, Rhonda Gail Goble Ousley, Ransom Hunt, and Lewis Hunt. The operation will use the area, contour, underground, and auger/highwall methods of mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0292, Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618 has applied for renewal of an existing permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 262.16 acres of surface and 478.76 acres overlying auger of which 293.77 acres underlie surface acres for a total of 447.15 acres located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek. The proposed

face and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 97.94 acres of surface disturbance will underlie an additional 215.58 acres of which 119.73 acres underlie surface or auger area and is not included in the total making a total area of 641.35 within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers.

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The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of KY Route 979. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

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**Amendment #1**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.50 miles west of Hi Hat in Floyd County. The amendment will disturb 23.0 surface acres and will underlie an additional 3,513.0 acres, making a total area of 3,536 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.50 miles west of KY Route 979's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.05 miles west of Newman Branch of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Co., LLC, Progress Land Company, Enerpro, Inc., James McQuire, Jack Martin, John C. Frazier, Charles Reed & Wilford Johnson, John Bryant, John Bryant Estate, James Kent & Rita Dye, Kennel Dye, and Jared Hall.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:18:120 E, Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4789 Teays Valley Aorad, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560, phone (304) 204-1455, Amendment No. 1, Permit No. 836-0341 proposes

the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 200 acres located in Floyd and Magoffin Counties approximately 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, Kentucky on Brushy Fork of Licking River and Prater Branch and Hale Fork of left fork of Middle Creek. Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Sunday.

The blasting schedule is for the period from July 16, 2007 through July 16, 2008.

Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes prior to each detonation. The warning signal, made using a siren, shall consist of one minute series of long blasts five (5) minutes prior to blasting; a series of short blasts one minute prior to blasting will then be sounded. The all clear signal will be a prolonged blast lasting up to two (2) minutes following the inspection of the blast area. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operations or public safety.

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245 Kentucky Route 680  
McDowell, Kentucky 41647  
Notice to people living in the following areas:  
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Steeles Creek  
Mill Creek  
Lick Fork  
Head of Tinker Fork  
Head of Big Branch  
The final day to hook up on the water system with the tap fee waived will be Tuesday, July 31, 2007. Anyone wishing to be hooked up should contact the S.W.S.D. office at McDowell. Further information can be obtained by calling 606-377-9296.

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Ready to up the ante on your veggie consumption? The great news is all forms count — fresh, frozen, canned, dried, and 100 percent juice. Fresh, frozen, canned and dried veggies can be easily incorporated into main dishes like Italian-inspired Chicken Vegetable Rollatini. This recipe uses fresh bell peppers, frozen spinach and a package of rice mix made with two full servings of vegetables, including broccoli and carrots. Moreover, Greek Chicken With Rice is a recipe that also calls for fresh vegetables and a package of rice mix made with two servings of veggies for convenience and added flavor. A simple Asian Noodle Salad is a tasty choice for a nutritious part of a lunch or light dinner.

Serve these dishes enhanced with the convenient dried vegetable mix and make a habit of adding appropriate portions of fresh veggies and sliced fruit to your lunch or dinner table. Before you know it, you'll be well on your way to creating your own veggie and fruit dynasty.

<sup>1</sup>Based on 2005 USDA Dietary Guidelines for a 2,000 kcal pattern.

## Asian Noodle Salad

6 servings

Prep Time: 20 minutes / Cook Time: 10 minutes

- 1 package Knorr Sides Plus Veggies — Teriyaki Noodles with Asian Style Vegetables
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Skippy Natural Creamy Peanut Butter Spread
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil (optional)
- 3 cups coleslaw mix
- 1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced cooked chicken or pork
- 1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion

Prepare packaged side according to directions; cool. Stir in vinegar, peanut butter and oil. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Chill about 1 hour before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving:** Calories 350, Calories From Fat 90, Saturated Fat 1.5g, Total Fat 10g, Cholesterol 50mg, Sodium 420mg, Total Carbohydrate 40g, Sugars 11g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 25g



## Greek Chicken With Rice

4 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes / Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 2 tablespoons Bertolli Olive Oil
- 1-1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 bag (10 ounces) baby spinach leaves
- 2-1/4 cups water
- 1 package Knorr Sides Plus Veggies — Roasted Chicken Rice with Harvest Vegetables
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup crumbled reduced fat feta cheese (optional)

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook chicken about 5 minutes, until chicken is thoroughly cooked, stirring occasionally. Remove chicken and keep warm.

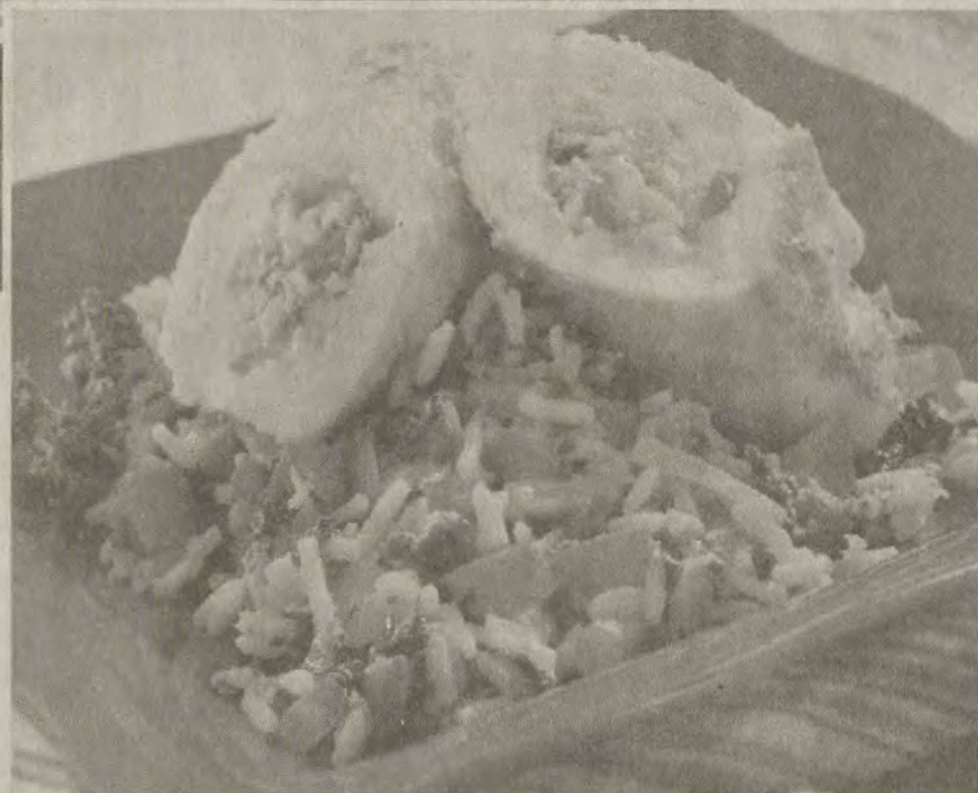
Add remaining olive oil to skillet and cook onion, red pepper and oregano over medium heat about 4 minutes, until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add spinach; toss to coat. Cover and cook about 2 minutes, until spinach is partially wilted, stirring occasionally.

Stir in water and packaged side. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook covered about 10 minutes, until rice is tender. Stir in chicken and lemon juice. Sprinkle with cheese.

**Nutrition information per serving:** Calories 430, Calories From Fat 110, Saturated Fat 3g, Total Fat 12g, Cholesterol 95mg, Sodium 310mg, Total Carbohydrate 41g, Sugars 6g, Dietary Fiber 6g, Protein 40g

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## Chicken Vegetable Rollatini

5 servings

Prep Time: 30 minutes / Cook Time: 35 minutes

- 1 package Knorr Sides Plus Veggies — Cheddar Rice with Broccoli and Carrots
- 2 large red bell peppers, chopped
- 5 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, pounded 1/4 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 1/4 cup Japanese-style panko bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Bertolli Olive Oil
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 box (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry

Preheat oven to 375°F. Prepare packaged side according to directions, omitting spread. Stir in 1 chopped red pepper; let cool 10 minutes.

Top each chicken breast with about 1/4 cup rice; reserve remaining rice and set aside. Roll chicken and secure with wooden toothpicks. Combine bread crumbs with cheese in shallow dish, then coat chicken. Heat olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and brown chicken. Arrange chicken in 11 x 7-inch glass baking dish. Bake 20 minutes until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Meanwhile, in same skillet, cook remaining red pepper and onion with 2 tablespoons water, covered, over medium heat 5 minutes, until tender, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds, stirring. Stir in spinach and reserved rice and cook 3 minutes, until spinach is heated through, stirring frequently. Remove toothpicks and serve sliced chicken over spinach mixture.

**Nutrition information per serving:** Calories 340, Calories From Fat 60, Saturated Fat 1.5g, Total Fat 7g, Cholesterol 80mg, Sodium 490mg, Total Carbohydrate 32g, Sugars 6g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 39g





Employees honored during Our Lady of the Way Hospital's annual employee awards luncheon.

## OLW recognizes employees

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital's annual Employee Recognition Awards Luncheon was held Thursday, May 10, at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge.

"We are not only one of the best places to work in Kentucky, but we also have the best healthcare employees," states Kathy Stumbo, president and chief executive officer. "We value their years of service and dedication to OLWH."

Willia Bentley, a member of the dietary team, received special recognition for her 25 years of service and was presented a music box.

Other employees honored for 2007 were:

■ 15 years of service — Vickie Fry, Wanda Hall, Angie Salisbury (UR), Denise Tackett

■ 10 years of service — Darrell Bentley, Elliouse Branham, Krystal Hall

■ Five years of service — Teresa Allen, Alberta Deaton, Judi DeRossett, Debbie Justice, Bill Montgomery, Heather Osborne, Liz Sizemore, John Sparks, and Annette Wright.

Employees in attendance were eligible for a number of door prizes and all employees recognized for years of service received a service pin to commemorate the special event.

Our Lady of the Way is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, a national non-profit corporation based in Denver, Colorado. The Catholic Health Initiatives health system, which is comprised of affiliated non-profit

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Our Lady of the Way Hospital honored Elisha Tackett as Employee of the month for May. Elisha is a phlebotomist with the Laboratory Team and has been with Our Lady of the Way since 1997. Elisha and her husband David live at Minnie with their sons Nathan and David Jr. When Elisha was informed that she had been chosen, she had the following to say: "This gives me the opportunity to thank each and every one of my co-workers for all they have shown and given to my husband and my boys. I have been to several hospitals in my life and I am not just being prejudice, but I believe in my heart, this team of employees is the best by far."

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